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## SHOUSE BOOMS ELY, MAYOR IS UNMOVED

Curley Predicts Roosevelt  
Will Win, in Telegram

On the same day that Jouett Shouse, chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee, intimated that Gov Joseph B. Ely was being regarded as Presidential or Vice Presidential timber by members of the party in other sections of the country, Mayor James M. Curley yesterday predicted again the nomination of Gov Franklin D. Roosevelt or New York as the Democratic choice for President.

Shouse made his statement during a pause here on his way to address a Congressional convention in Manchester, N. H. The Mayor made his prediction in a telegram of congratulation that he sent to Percy A. Stewart, Democrat, who won the special Congressional election in New Jersey Tuesday.

### Ely's Guest at Breakfast

Shouse was the guest of the Governor at breakfast in the Copley Plaza. Over his bacon and eggs, he said national leaders of the party hold the Governor in high esteem and think of him in connection with higher party honors. The Governor smiled at the suggestion and did not seem to take it seriously. He declined to comment on this statement of Shouse or on another statement, that his reelection as Governor—if he does not seek another office in 1932—is assured.

Later in the day, Mayor Curley gave to the press the text of his telegram to Mr Stewart.

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### Sees Roosevelt Victory

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Nomination of Gov Roosevelt, an Easterner and a Northerner, would automatically bar Gov Ely from consideration for the Vice Presidential nomination, in the opinion of political experts.

Mr Shouse, in the course of his statements, added that Gov Wilbur Cross of Connecticut would be reelected.

Mr Shouse called the New Jersey win another step toward eventual Democratic control of the Legislative and Executive branches of Government, and a new repudiation of the Hoover Administration.

A third guest at the breakfast was Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, who came a little late. He advised Mr Shouse to exert his influence to the end that New England shall have proper representation on the powerful Ways and Means Committee in the new House.

## Curley Makes Light of Hoover's Speech

Says President Offered No  
Plan for Home-Building—  
Names Two Steps

"The people of this country have been crying long enough for bread. Let's give them something besides burlesque." Thus spoke Mayor Curley today in commenting upon President Hoover's remarks at the opening session of the conference on home building and home ownership at Washington last night. The speech, he said, had all "the lure and attractiveness and fragrance of a delicate flower which nevertheless droops by the wayside when exposed to the sun's rays during the day or to the cool night air."

Continuing, the mayor declared that the first obstacle to home ownership to the minds of the people today is the fear that their own names may be added any day to the appalling list of unemployed millions. If the present workers could be assured that their own employment would continue they would immediately turn to the question of home-ownership as one of the most satisfactory means of investing their hard-earned savings," he said. "Stabilization of industry and the awakening of employers to a sense of their moral obligations to their employees is the first step."

"The second distinct step should come through the provision of public money and private funds for the development of a home-building program. Millions of dollars are laying idle in the banks at the present time, or being used for the promotion of European projects, that should be set to work right here in our own country. Insurance companies in other cities have financed home building and home ownership projects at a profit to themselves and to the advantage of their clients. The services of the best technical minds in the country are today available at a minimum of cost, and thousands of men in the building trades are unemployed."

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## New Rose Garden Will Be Enlarged

So popular has been the city's rose garden which was laid out in the Fens last summer that the mayor has responded to many appeals for its enlargement. Plans have been prepared by the Park Department for an extension toward the river which flows through the southeasterly portion of the Fens development. The work can be carried out

## \$2,000,000 Fund for Relief Is Curley's Hope

Committees Will Meet Shortly  
at City Hall to Organize  
Various Activities

Though Mayor Curley gave no hint at yesterday's meeting in behalf of an unemployment relief fund of the amount of money he would like to have from private subscription, deeming it inadvisable to name a quota as other large cities have done, it is well known among his advisers that he seeks at least \$2,000,000 for winter work. Though realizing the struggle which private charities are having to meet the unexampled emergency, he believes that money will go farther under the supervision of the Public Welfare Department than in any other agency and that the public should be made aware of that fact.

Another point which the mayor and his advisers are emphasizing is that subscriptions are asked to meet the demands of men and women who cannot receive aid through the regular municipal channels. The laws governing relief work do not provide for heads of families who own their homes or an equity in them and find themselves suddenly without means of livelihood by the loss of positions. Many of these cases are coming to the attention of the Public Welfare Department daily, pitiable cases, as the mayor explained to his gathering yesterday, largely by reason of the fact that they are parents who have sacrificed to send their children through school and college and never imagined that they would come to want in middle age.

The quarters of the Tercentenary Committee on the fourth floor of City Hall will be available for the relief committee, whose chairman is William H. Taylor, lawyer and member of the Overseers of the Public Welfare. No time will be lost in organizing the various activities in mind. Vice chairmen selected by the mayor included President Walton L. Crocker of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, Vice President Louis E. Kirstein of William Filene Sons Company and President P. A. O'Connell of the E. T. Slattery Company.

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during the winter so that the garden will be in readiness by early spring.

As planned, the new beds for flowers will correspond with the present beds and the wellhead which is now in the center of the garden will be moved to the southerly end of the new work and a fountain will be placed where the wellhead now stands. The new garden will have additional seating facilities and is expected to add materially to the beauty of the area adjacent to the Evans Memorial of the Art Museum.

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George W. Mitton, Jordan Marsh Company.  
Rufus C. Folsom, American Sugar Refining Company.  
A. F. Goodwin, president, First National Stores.  
Paul Cifrino, Uphams Corner Market.  
Arthur L. Race, Hotel Men's Association.  
Arthur E. Dorr, Market men.  
William J. Davidson, president Atlantic and Pacific Stores.  
Mrs. Mary McMahon, former president, Parent & Teachers Association and member of Overseers of Public Welfare.  
Mrs. William Lowell Putnam.  
Mrs. William Stanley Parker.  
James H. Carney.  
Edward C. Stone, Employers Liability Assurance Corp.  
Sydney S. Winslow, United Shoe Machinery Co.  
E. A. Johnson, secretary, Building Trades Council.

#### Relief Coordination Committee

Simon E. Hecht, chairman Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, chairman.  
John J. Lydon, commissioner of Soldiers Relief in Boston.  
Mrs. Margaret Gookin, Travelers Aid Society, and member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare.  
Dr. James J. Regan, hospitalization committee of American Legion.  
William H. Fear of Boston Provident Association.  
Malcolm E. Nichols, Family Welfare Society.  
Joseph P. Manning, chairman of trustees Boston City Hospital.  
Miss Sophie Friedman, Overseers of Public Welfare.  
Bernard J. Kelley, president St. Vincent de Paul Society.  
George W. Goodman, secretary Urban League of Boston, colored representative.  
Walter V. McCarthy, secretary of Overseers of Public Welfare.

#### Business Stabilization

James L. Richards, president Boston Consolidated Gas Co., chairman.  
Edward Dana, general manager Boston Elevated Railway.  
Hugh Bancroft, financier.  
Thomas Nelson Perkins.  
Chauncey S. Williams, Sears Roebuck.  
William S. Febliger, president Boston Wool Dealers Ass'n.  
John Cronin, vice-president Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.  
Louis K. Liggett.  
Joseph F. O'Connell, attorney.  
Richard Grozier, editor Boston Post.  
R. S. Mandell, editor Boston Transcript.  
Frank W. Buxton, editor Boston Herald.  
William D. Sullivan, managing editor Boston Globe.  
Willis J. Abbot, editor Boston Christian Science Monitor.

HERALD 12/2/31

### 'CLOSED SHOP' PARLEY SETTLED BY CURLEY

#### Stained Glass Workers Sign Agreement with Trades' Council

Through the good offices of Mayor Curley at City Hall, yesterday, representatives of the Colonial Stained Glass Works signed a "closed shop" agreement with representatives of the Building Trades Council for the men employed in that shop. This is the first closed shop agreement signed by any of the stained glass operators since the building trades industry went "open shop" here for one year in 1921.

Representatives of the building trades

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## ON CITY'S STAFF AT STATE HOUSE

### Casson Named Associate Legislative Counsel



REP ABRAHAM B. CASSON

Representative Abraham B. Casson of Dorchester was today appointed associate legislative counsel for the city of Boston by Mayor Curley. His term will begin Jan. 1, at \$5000 a year. Mr. Casson will be associated with Edward D. Collins, legislative counsel.

Representative Casson was born 32 years ago in Russia, but came to this country as a boy and attended the local schools and Boston English High School. His legal training was obtained at Boston University Law School. Since 1921 he has been engaged in the practice of law. He represented Ward 12 in the Legislature for two terms.

Much of his attention has been devoted to the Boston Y. M. H. A., where he has directed boys' clubs and supervised and coached various debating clubs. He was at one time a member of the Y. M. H. A. debating team. He is affiliated with the Boston Lodge of Elks and a member of the American Bar Association.

Representative Casson will resign from his present office in the Massachusetts House when that body convenes Jan. 6. He is serving his third two-year term in the Legislature and is one of the prominent members of the Republican organization.

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## CURLEY SENDS STEWART WIRE

### Congratulates Democrat on His Victory

Election of a Democratic congressman in a strong Republican district of New Jersey was heralded last night by Mayor Curley as the fore-runner of the election of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York to the presidency.

In a message of congratulation to Congressman-elect Percy H. Stewart of Plainfield, N. J., Mayor Curley last night wired:

"Your magnificent victory in overturning a normal plurality of 35,000 Republican votes in the 5th New Jersey District and winning the election as Congressman is an unmistakable message to the nation of the repudiation of the Hoover administration.

"Your demand for the enactment of the Wagner unemployment bills and your rebuke to President Hoover for his veto is a righteous endorsement by the voters of a great economic issue.

"Your militant triumph is a fore-runner of an overwhelming victory for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt as the Democratic standard bearer in 1932 and who will receive the largest plurality in the history of the nation's presidential elections.

"I hope later during the present winter to have an opportunity of meeting you in Washington."

### Tax Office Open Until 5 Every Afternoon

The collecting department offices on the second floor of City Hall Annex will remain open for three extra hours every day until Dec. 15 to permit taxpayers to pay their 1931 taxes in order to escape the eight per cent interest penalty which becomes effective on that day.

At the direction of Mayor Curley, City Collector William M. McMorrow will have his staff of cashiers and clerks on duty daily from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock at night, instead of shutting down at the regular 2 o'clock limit for the department.

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### PLANS EXTENSION OF ROSE GARDEN IN THE FENS

Park Commissioner Long is busy on plans for an extension of the Rose Garden in the Fens. On the suggestion of Mayor Curley, the beds are being enlarged and additional beds will be laid out. All the work will be done this winter, thereby affording additional employment. The bushes will be in flower next June at the time of the older beds.

The well head, now in the center of the Rose Garden, will be moved to the southerly end of the new work and a fountain will be placed where the well head now stands. The new garden will have additional seating accommodations and in the opinion of Commissioner Long will add considerably to the present beautiful area adjacent to the Evans Memorial of the Art Museum.



# MAYOR NAMES RELIEF GROUP

## Oppose Community Chest Idea or Division of Fund—Outstanding Citizens to Act on Committee

Organization of the Boston emergency unemployment relief committee to raise a community fund as recommended recently by President Hoover was started here yesterday when Mayor Curley conferred at City Hall with the representative leaders of the city's activities.

### OPPOSES CHEST IDEA

In appointing the committee of prominent churchmen, bankers, merchants, and other outstanding figures in the life of the city, the Mayor announced at the outset that he was opposed to the creation of a community chest or the division of the fund among private agencies, insisting that the money would be expended through the municipal public welfare department.

He protested that it was usual with the community chest idea to spend 70 per cent of the contributions in the employment of relatives of the officials and other administrative expenses, leaving but 30 per cent for the poor.

### No Quota Set

The city's welfare department was efficiently organized for the work, the Mayor stated, announcing that in the past 11 months Boston has paid out \$6,223,995 in relief, representing 200 per cent in excess of the entire welfare roll for the full year of 1928.

No quota will be set for the Boston fund, although New York has been calling upon the public for \$18,000,000 to go over the top. Here, public generosity will determine the limit of the city's fund.

The money would be needed, the Mayor explained, to help those worthy unfortunates who, for some reason or other, are not eligible under the law to obtain the city's official funds raised through taxation.

### Cannot Aid Home Owner

Legally, the Mayor pointed out, the city cannot aid a needy family that holds an equity in the house they live in, although if they were paying rent they would be eligible for city relief under the law.

Voluntary contributions during the past year have been negligible, the Mayor said, recalling that no public appeal had been issued. Yet a total of \$73,000 has been turned in to the city welfare board to assist in the relief work. Of this, \$12,296 was donated by city employees, \$427 by county employ-

ees, \$21,000 from the midnight movie shows, \$5000 from a boxing carnival and \$29,000 from individuals.

### Work Finished for 450

The chief duty placed upon his new committee was to provide opportunities for those seeking work, the Mayor said, explaining that he had saved \$1,000,000 in the construction of the Governor square subway by giving work to more than 1000 war veterans who would have been forced to obtain soldiers' relief payments from the city if they could not have found work.

But he announced that the subway job was six months in advance of its schedule and that before the end of the year it would be necessary to lay off about 450 of the workmen.

### Huntington Ave. Subway

As a means of providing jobs next year, the Mayor announced that he would ask the Legislature for authority to spend \$11,000,000 on the construction of a Huntington avenue subway from Park street to Brookline Village, and place 3000 war veterans and heads of families on the big project.

Boston coal firms have agreed to supply the city welfare department with coal at cost and as an additional contribution, they will send a ton of coal free to 100 needy families this winter, the Mayor announced.

### State Group to Co-operate

Chairman William Phillips of the State unemployment committee praised the Mayor for organizing the Boston committee, as recommended by the President and the Governor. He promised the co-operation of the State group in solving the city's problems regarding unemployment. Raising of funds, creation of new jobs and the stabilization of employment through the stagger system or some other method were urged upon the committee by Mr. Phillips.

The committee voted on motion of former Lieutenant-Governor Edward P. Barry to establish an honor roll of those firms in Boston which had neither discharged employees or reduced wages during the past two years.

### Proposal to Banks

Through Lieutenant-General Edward L. Logan, the committee went on record as favoring an appeal by the newspapers of the city for contributions to the municipal fund and the daily listing of the contributors.

Builders could start a construction programme amounting to \$25,000,000 in the next eight months here if the banks and insurance companies adopted a proposal to use one per cent of their assets for construction mortgage loans, William J. McDonald informed the com-

mittee, which agreed to take the matter up with the bankers and insurance leaders.

### Houses for Workers

The Mayor suggested that the insurance companies finance a housing programme by building hundreds of houses for workmen at East Boston and other sections of the city, as is being done in Europe, where he observed the work on his recent visit.

The Mayor declared that the banks were bulging with deposits, greater than at any other time in the history of the country. This money would be put in circulation and a strong buying movement started if the business concerns would assure their employees of regular work for a year.

### No Dividing of Fund

Suggestions that part of the fund to be collected be split among the private welfare agencies were made by William H. Pear of the Boston Provident Association and Roy A. Cushman of the Boston Council of Social Agencies, but the Mayor turned them down, claiming that practically all the private agencies had unloaded their cases on the city welfare department.

Chairman Sidney S. Conrad of the Retail Trade Board and Secretary E. A. Johnson of the Building Trades Council promised the co-operation of their organizations in the city's drive for unemployment relief.

### Taylor as Chairman

Secretary William H. Taylor of the overseers of public welfare will serve as chairman of the Boston committee. Vice-chairmen selected by the Mayor included President Walton L. Crocker of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, Vice-President Louis E. Kirstein of William Filene Sons Company and President P. A. O'Connell of the E. T. Slattery Company.

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### The General Committee

The Mayor announced the appointment to the committee of the following members:

Former Governor Alvan T. Fuller.  
Henry I. Harriman, president L. trustees.  
Lieutenant-General Edward L. Logan.  
Frank G. Dorr, Raymond's.  
Judge Frank Leveroni.  
Philip Stockton, First National Bank.  
Matt B. Jones, president, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.  
Dr. William H. Griffin, past department commander, American Legion.  
Eva Whiting White, president, Women's Educational and Industrial Union.  
The Rev. Thomas A. Reynolds, director, Catholic Charities Bureau.  
Roy A. Cushman, secretary, Boston Council Social Agencies.  
Dr. Benjamin Selekmann, Associated Jewish Philanthropies.  
Mrs. William Dana Woodbury, president, Federation of Boston Women's Clubs.  
T. J. Falvey, president, Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Company.  
James T. Moriarty, president, Central Labor Union.

### Job-Finding Committee

John J. Shields, director of Boston Employment Bureau, chairman.  
Victor M. Cutter, president, United Fruit Company.  
Sidney Rabinovitz, Economy Grocery Stores.

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## TERMS WASHINGTON CITIZEN OF BOSTON

### Prof Hart Speaker Before Bostonian Society

The Bostonian Society, long guardian of the Old State House, celebrated its 50th anniversary yesterday afternoon at King's Chapel. Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, professor emeritus of history at Harvard University; Mayor James M. Curley and Courtenay Guild, vice president of the society, were the speakers.

Prof Hart's subject was "Washington as a Bostonian." He outlined Washington's three visits to Boston, and declared that he was truly a citizen of Boston and of Massachusetts. The first visit, he said, was in 1766, when Washington came to plead the cause of the Colonial soldiers as against the British soldiers who sought to dominate them. The second was at the time of the British occupation of Boston during the Revolution, when he had been chosen by the Continental Congress as the head of the troops there. The third was when he was President of the United States.

### The Military Genius

The speaker stressed Washington's military genius.

"George Washington made himself one of the first citizens of Massachusetts by his career as Commander-in-Chief of the Army that besieged Boston," declared Prof Hart, and later on in his address he referred to an offer made by Washington to recruit and equip at his own expense 1000 troops and lead them to the relief of Boston.

"If that doesn't constitute citizenship, what does?" he asked.

The speaker referred to some of the famous Massachusetts men with whom Washington had contact during the siege of Boston and for a short period after the evacuation of the city by the British. He stressed the fact that Washington was called on to besiege his own city, and desired extremely that it should not be destroyed.

Turning to Washington's third visit here in 1786, he described the remarkable position held by Washington. Few men in the world at that time, he declared, were so beloved.

Prof Hart spoke of the dispute over the matter of the escort sent to bring Washington into Boston, told how Washington cut the Gordian knot and mentioned the call which John Hancock made on the President. He referred to places visited by Washington and to the President's interest in things being done in Boston.

### Astute Business Man

Washington in addition to his many other attributes was "the best known and most astute business man of his time," Prof Hart said. He was one of the first men to deposit in banks and had an excellent bookkeeping system of his own. He was, besides a planter, surveyor and military man, a shrewd, hard-headed individual who saw various ways of making money

and used them. He adopted many Boston business ideas.

Washington, Prof Hart said, foresaw a system of national commerce and made treaties with other countries for the exchange of commerce. He foresaw that the Union would not stop with 13 States.

### Mayor Speaks of Bicentennial

Mayor Curley spoke of the City Commission which is preparing for the observance of bicentennial of Washington's birth which takes place in 1932, referring to the assistance and inspiration given by Prof Hart. He touched on the problems to be met in arranging a schedule of events and especially in raising funds.

The Mayor mentioned the Gen Knox House, sometimes called the Dilloway House in Roxbury, at which Gen Knox had his headquarters. This stands on property which has been acquired for the proposed Dilloway Intermediate School.

"We had hoped," he said, "that we might have more cooperation on the part of the School Committee and we are still hoping. It was my hope that sufficient funds might be provided for the enlargement of the lot so that the Knox House might be located in the middle, surrounded by a liberal space of land.

"Apparently the school authorities feel that they lack sufficient funds to carry out that program. I suggested that the house might be moved to another site on the Dilloway School property and on the appropriate date in 1932 we can have a patriotic celebration there—and we will do it."

### Bostonian Society's Work

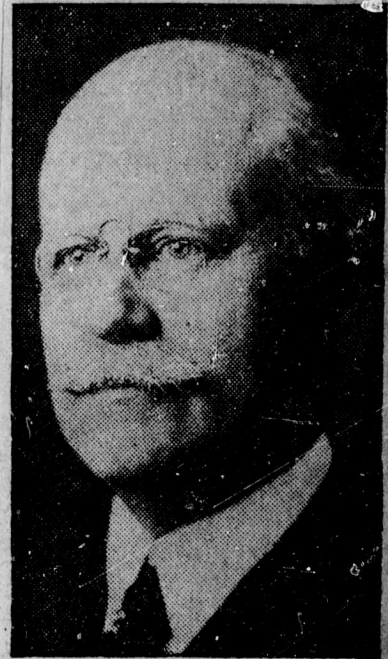
Mr Guild, who in the absence of the president of the society, Grenville H. Norcross, acted as presiding officer as well as speaker, outlined the history of the society, describing the struggle to save the Old State House, which at one time was threatened with destruction.

"The building was used for business offices for many years, and the proposal to destroy it, in order to remove an obstruction to street traffic, might have prevailed without the active defense of the Bostonian Society," he said. "For this service the founders of the society would deserve thanks from the people of Boston, even if nothing else had been accomplished by the society."

Mr Guild then quoted Sir Walter Scott's poem on a man lacking a sentiment of love of his native land, and continued:

"But it was not merely patriotism that inspired the founders of the Bostonian Society to form the Antiquarian Club in 1879, which was merged in the Bostonian Society, incorporated Dec 2, 1881. They knew that this historical landmark was a valuable asset to the city. No city in America can rival Boston's claim for consideration as the city most closely identified with the important events in the history of our country in Colonial days and in the Revolution."

## Wins in New Jersey



(Boston Herald-Associated Press Photo)

**PERCY H. STEWART**  
Democrat who was elected to Congress in the normally Republican Union and Morris counties district.

### CURLEY LAUDS WINNER OF NEW JERSEY RACE

**Calls Stewart Victory a 'Repudiation  
Of Hoover'**

Mayor Curley, in a telegram yesterday, to Congressman-elect Percy H. Stewart of New Jersey, appraised his triumph in the special election, Tuesday, as the forerunner of an overwhelming victory for Gov. Roosevelt in the presidential contest. The congratulatory message was:

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# CITY TO SPEND RELIEF FUNDS

Won't Split With Private  
Groups, Mayor Says

Committee on Unemployment  
Organizes at City Hall

The fund—already \$73,000—collected for the relief of the unemployed in Boston, will be disbursed by the Public Welfare Department of the city, for Mayor James M. Curley, who has led in activities in its behalf, will not regard it as of any use to continue his efforts, he indicated to the city Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee yesterday when it met to organize in the City Hall Council chamber.

The Mayor promptly opposed a suggestion made by William H. Pear of the Boston Provident Association—one of the many representatives of charitable organizations present—that the fund be divided with private agencies. Private agencies are admittedly having a difficult time, Mayor Curley said, but the city has steadily lifted part of the load they have been carrying.

## Subcommittees Formed

The committee organized four subcommittees to handle executive work and to deal with the problems of finding jobs, coordinating relief and stabilizing business. It heard the Mayor announce that he plans to try to get insurance companies to invest \$5,000,000 in home building here, as is proposed in New York. And it indorsed a suggestion of Ex-Lieut. Edward P. Barry, seconded by the Mayor, that an honor roll of employers who pledge themselves not to reduce wages or personnel for six months or a year be drawn up.

The \$73,000 fund, the Mayor said, was contributed by the city and county employees, who gave \$42,000; the motion picture theatres, whose recent 86 midnight shows brought in \$21,000; the wrestling show at the Boston Garden, which brought in \$5,000, and private contributions, which he enumerated.

Wholesale coal dealers, furthermore, are contributing 100 tons of coal for persons ineligible for assistance from the Welfare Department; these persons include folk whose savings are exhausted, but whose ownership of property, even though it is heavily mortgaged, bars them from aid under the law.

## Phillips Is Speaker

William Phillips, chairman of the

Massachusetts Emergency Unemployment Committee, outlined the work of that group; William H. Taylor of the Board of Public Welfare read the list of city committees; Gen. Edward L. Logan suggested that a press campaign for funds be made, and William J. McDonald proposed that a conference be held with bankers and insurance executives in an effort to have 1 percent of their assets made available for construction mortgages.

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# 'BURLESQUE, BUT NO AID,' MAYOR SAYS

Lack of Funds Is Real Bar to  
Home Building; Urges  
Hearst Plan

*"The people of this country have been crying long enough for bread. Let's give them something besides burlesque."*

This was Mayor Curley's reply to President Hoover's latest conference suggestion seeking aid for home-building as a stimulant to business.

The Mayor issued a formal statement, in which he said:

"President Hoover's remarks at the opening session of his conference on home building and home ownership have all the lure and attractiveness and fragrance of a delicate flower which nevertheless droops by the wayside when exposed to the sun's rays during the day or the cool night air.

## MONEY IS REAL ANSWER

"Home building and home ownership is a practical matter, and while there may be certain advantageous results from the wealth of academic minds and thought with which the President has surrounded him at the present time, the real answer must come through a courageous expenditure of dollars and cents.

"The first obstacle to home ownership to the minds of the people today is the fear that their own names may be added any day to the appalling list of unemployed millions. If the present workers could be assured that their own employment would continue, they would immediately turn to the question of home ownership as one of the most satisfactory means of investing

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## ARE IDLE MILLIONS

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"A definite program of expenditure along the lines recommended by William Randolph Hearst as a means of providing the money necessary for the first payment and as a guarantee of succeeding payments would at least give promise in place of platitudes.

"The people of this country have been crying long enough for bread. Let's give them something besides burlesque."

## GLOBE 12/3/31 CURLEY SAYS ASSURANCE OF JOB NEEDED FIRST

Mayor Curley, commenting today on President Hoover's home building and home ownership plan said: "If present workers could be assured that their own employment would continue they would immediately turn to the question of home ownership as one of the most satisfactory means of investing their hard-earned savings. Stabilization of industry and the awakening of employers to a sense of their moral obligations to their employees is the first step.

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**WASHINGTON'S AID  
 TO CITY DESCRIBED**

**Prof. Hart of Harvard Ad-  
 dresses Bostonian Society**

Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart of Har-  
 vard yesterday reaffirmed his criticised  
 assertions that George Washington  
 drew a salary of \$25,000 and once swore  
 at a cabinet meeting. Mr. Hart, pro-  
 fessor emeritus of history at Harvard,  
 spoke on "Washington as a Bostonian"  
 at exercises commemorating the 50th  
 anniversary of the Bostonian Society at  
 King's chapel.

An historical pamphlet, prepared by  
 Prof. Hart for the Washington bicen-  
 tennial commission, was criticised for  
 its statements about Washington by F.  
 Dumont Smith of Hutchinson, Kan.

"George Washington made himself  
 one of the first citizens of Massachu-  
 setts," said the speaker, "by his career  
 as commander-in-chief of the army at  
 the time of the siege of Boston." Prof.  
 Hart told of Washington's three visits  
 to Boston, his interest in the Boston  
 ideals of government, and his choice of  
 Massachusetts men for his cabinet.

Mayor Curley, who is a member of  
 the Bostonian Society, attended the  
 meeting and was called on by Courtenay  
 Guild, vice-president, who officiated in  
 the absence of Grenville H. Norcross,  
 president.

The Mayor paid tribute to Prof. Hart  
 for his assistance to the city in point-  
 ing out its duties in connection with  
 the Washington bicentennial next year.  
 He alluded to the Gen. Knox house, or  
 Dillaway House, on Roxbury street, that  
 stands on the property to be used for  
 the new Dillaway intermediate school  
 and expressed a wish that it might be  
 centred on the school lot and the  
 schoolhouse built behind and around it  
 with an open end so that the histori-  
 cal mansion might dominate the group.

GLOBE 12/4/31  
**FIN COM CONFERS  
 WITH MAYOR CURLEY**

At the invitation of Mayor Curley,  
 the Finance Commission yesterday  
 called upon him at City Hall for a  
 half-hour's discussion. But at the end  
 of the meeting neither the Mayor nor  
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 sioner Joseph Joyce Donahue, who  
 could not be reached in time for the  
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**MAYOR CALLS FIN. COM.**

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 the subject of the conference.

GLOBE 12/4/31  
**TRIBUTE TO R. H. WHITE CO  
 PAID BY MAYOR CURLEY**

**Stresses Service of Old Business Institutions to Boston  
 In Talk to Store's Newly Formed Men's Club**



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 and Swede Nelson, line coach at Har-  
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 well, vice-president; Victor Camie,  
 secretary; Albert...

## CURLEY SENDS \$100 CHECK TO BASKET FUND

A leading Samaritan of Boston today contributed a check for \$100 to the Boston Evening American Christmas Basket Fund.

It is Mayor James M. Curley, whose efforts have been doubled this year in alleviating distress, and who welcomed the opportunity to aid in providing the needy families in Boston with Christmas dinners.

Here is the letter Mayor Curley sent with his check to the Christmas Basket Fund editor:

"It is a very great pleasure to continue the annual contribution of \$100 to the Christmas Basket Fund.

"The City of Boston at Christmas in 1930 was the only large city in America in which, notwithstanding unemployment conditions, every needy family was supplied with a Christmas dinner.

### NEED GREATER NOW

"If every individual who is at work or in a position to aid will contribute something, regardless of how small or how large the amount, it will be possible to maintain at Christmas, 1931, the standard that was established at Christmas, 1930.

"The opportunity of bringing even a small measure of comfort into hearts that are saddened should be taken advantage of by everyone and it is my sincere wish that the fund raised this year may be the largest in the history of your splendid newspaper since this year the needs are greater than ever previously known."

That is the sentiment of Mayor Curley, who knows conditions and who does all in his power to alleviate them.

Christmas Day is just three weeks from today—but have you considered how some families must spend it?

The Christmas Basket Fund editor needs more help—lots of it—and it cannot come too soon for planning the relief of the needy.

## WANTS STATE TO AID UPKEEP OF COURTHOUSE

Mayor Agrees to Start Immediate Construction if Commonwealth Will Pay 30 P. C.

Mayor Curley will recommend immediate construction of the proposed \$5,000,000 Suffolk County courthouse to the City Council if state officials agree to defray 30 per cent of the operating expenses of the building.

The Mayor made this announcement today following a conference with Herbert Parker, former attorney general, representing the Boston Bar Association and the judiciary of Massachusetts. Parker urged that the Mayor request the city council to approve immediate construction of the building.

He suggested that the Mayor send the order calling for acceptance of the act for courthouse accommodations to the council for early action.

### CURLEY COUNTERS

The Mayor countered by demanding that Gov. Ely, President Bacon of the Senate, Speaker Saltonstall of the House and chairman of municipal finance committees of both branches agree to the annual payment of 30 per cent for maintenance.

The original bill for construction of the courthouse called for payment of 85 per cent of the costs by the city and the remainder by the state. Mayor Curley protested and it was then agreed that the cost to the municipality should be 70 per cent with the remainder paid by the Commonwealth.

No provision was made in the bill for the payment of maintenance costs.

### COST WILL DOUBLE

Mayor Curley estimates that it now costs the city \$80,000 annually to maintain quarters in the courthouse for the Supreme Court, the Land Court, the Social Law Library and other functions which are purely state affairs.

In the new building the cost of maintenance of these offices will be doubled and for that reason the mayor insists that the State officials guarantee payment of \$160,000 before he requests the Council to approve construction.

A conference had been arranged for State officials and the mayor in City Hall next Monday. If an agreement is reached then the mayor will recommend immediate acceptance of the act by the Council.

## WANTS STATE TO PAY 30 P. C.

Mayor Curley Suggests Way to Speed Courthouse Addition

Mayor Curley may strike a bargain with the state which will result in the construction of the \$5,000,000 addition to the Suffolk county court house and the lightening of the burden of maintenance of the building now borne almost entirely by the city.

Since the authorization by the Legislature of the construction of the addition to the present building, Mayor Curley and the Boston city council have let the dust gather on the bill by refusing to approve it as is necessary under the law.

### MAYOR'S ATTITUDE

Today, when pressed by Atty. Herbert Parker, acting for the judiciary and the bar association, Mayor Curley declared that if the state would agree to pay 30 per cent. of the maintenance costs of the building, which would amount to \$160,000 a year, he would

Under the bill passed by the Legislature, the county would pay 70 per cent. of the \$5,000,000 for construction. The state would pay the remainder. Declaring that Boston pays the county's bills, Mayor Curley today informed Atty. Parker that if he (Parker) could prevail upon Gov. Ely, President Bacon of the Senate and Speaker Saltonstall of the House of Representatives to cause the Legislature to authorize payment of 30 per cent. of the maintenance costs of the building, steps will be taken to bring about approval by the council of the construction bill. This authorization by the Legislature would be in the form of an amendment to the present bill.

### PLANS CONFERENCE

Mayor Curley pointed out that the state now occupies 30 per cent of the present facilities of the courthouse and would continue to do so if an addition is built. The supreme court, social law library, land court and other state functions occupy portions of the present building.

Under the present condition, the mayor said, 30 per cent of the maintenance would amount to \$80,000 a year. If an addition is built this amount would be doubled.

At the conclusion of the conference, Atty. Parker told the mayor that he would take steps to bring about a conference with state officials, Monday morning at City Hall.



# MAYOR BOOSTS XMAS BASKET FUND



JAMES M. CURLEY  
Mayor

CITY OF BOSTON  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY HALL

December 3, 1931.



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The Christmas Basket Fund,  
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Sincerely yours,

*James M. Curley*  
Mayor.

Read what Mayor Curley of Boston thinks of the Boston Evening American Basket Fund. Here is his letter. There was a \$100 check enclosed and what delight came to the man-

agers of the fund as a Western Union messenger rushed in with the fine contribution, yesterday afternoon. Mayor Curley is shown in the inset.

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GLOBE 12/4/31

## R. H. White Co. Men's Club Addressed By Mayor at Organization Meeting

Mayor Curley told the 350 members of the R. H. White Company Men's Club last night that he wanted the R. H. White Company to continue successful in business in Boston, and pointed out that the responsibility for the continuance of that success depended more on the members of the club than it did on the management of the store.

"The character of the service that you give the concern and the public lays the foundation for the public's confidence in the concern and its integrity in dealing. It's entirely in your hands. Too many of the old institutions have passed into the discard. Some of them have gone because they lost the human touch. We want the R. H. White Company to carry on successfully in Boston," he said.

The club held its first organization meeting in the Store Members' Association dining room, where a turkey supper was served, and elected officers as follows—President, William Sullivan, men's clothing; vice-president, Leander Caswell, section supervisor; secretary, Victor Camia, marking room; treasurer, Albert Baker, payroll department. The organization was undertaken two weeks ago. This morning a similar organization for the women will be undertaken, which will hold a meeting next Thursday night.

Both these are subsidiaries of the Store Members Association, which includes everybody in the store. Both clubs will work out a social and entertainment program and probably will have prominent guest speakers from time to time.

John Garabedian, assistant rug buyer, was toastmaster last evening. President B. F. Raphael of the firm, Arthur Kelley, the treasurer; Matthew Dunphy, merchandise manager; Charles E. Coyne, publicity manager and president of the Store Members Association, and others were guests and gave encouraging words. Store talent and artists from outside put on a well received program.

"Tom" McCabe of The Herald sports department spoke feelingly of football fatalities, but said people should reflect how few fatalities there are for the large number of young men who play. He spoke of having heard a whole team uniting in prayer before going on the field, and said "you can't tell me there isn't good in a game that young college men take so seriously. It is a hard game, a tough game, but it is a good game and lots of good comes out of it." George Carens of the Transcript, "Billy" Cornell of the American, and Sam Cohen of the Sunday Advertiser also spoke.

## CASSON APPOINTED TO CITY LEGAL POST

Representative Abraham V. Casson of Dorchester yesterday was appointed associate legislative counsel for the city of Boston by Mayor Curley. He will begin his new duties Jan. 1 at a salary of \$5000 a year, and will be associated with Edward D. Collins legislative counsel.

Representative Casson was born 35 years ago in Russia, but came to this country as a boy and attended the Boston English High School. His legal training was obtained at Boston University Law School. Since 1921 he has been engaged in the practice of law. He represented Ward 12 in the Legislature for two terms.

Much of his attention has been devoted to the Boston Y. M. H. A., where he has directed boys' clubs and coached debating clubs. He is affiliated with the Boston Lodge of Elks and a member of the American Bar Association.

Representative Casson will resign from his office in the Massachusetts House when that body convenes Jan. 6. He is serving his third two-year term in the Legislature and is one of the prominent members of the Republican organization.

## CITY MAY GET BACK OLD ORGAN

### One Purchased by Public Subscription Offered to Boston by Estate

The famous organ purchased by public subscription and installed in the old Music hall, where it remained for many years, prior to its removal to the estate of Edward T. Searles in Methuen, may be brought back to Boston.

The organ has been offered to Mayor Curley by the trustees of the Searles estate. If an examination, this afternoon, reveals that it would be advisable to accept the gift, the organ will be set up in one of the Boston high schools. Either the auditorium of the Girls' high school or of the Public Latin school is sufficiently large to provide room for the organ, which has been played by many of the foremost organists of the world.

Mayor Curley will be accompanied on the inspection trip by Superintendent of Schools Patrick T. Campbell, John O'Shea, director of music, and Chairman Joseph J. Hurley of the school committee.

## FINANCE COMMISSION HAS SUDDEN MEETING

Mayor Curley held a hastily arranged conference yesterday with four members of the finance commission. No statement about the meeting was made by the mayor and when Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the commission was asked to reveal the reason for the conference, he placed the responsibility for any statement upon the mayor.

It was admitted that the conference was sought by the mayor. Chairman Goodwin, Judge Joseph A. Sheehan, Courtenay Guild and William T. Keough responded but attaches of the commission were unable to locate the fifth member, Joseph Joyce Donahue.

"Did you have a conference with the finance commission?" the mayor was asked. "Yes," he replied.

"Any statement to make upon it?" The mayor laughed and responded "No."

## PLANS TO IMPROVE FENS ROSE GARDEN

Plans for additional flower beds in the new rose garden in the Fens were submitted to Mayor Curley yesterday by the park department. In conformity with the mayor's instructions substantially to increase the flower gardens, Park Commissioner Long has arranged not only to duplicate the present beds but to provide needed accommo-

## FAMOUS ORGAN MAY RETURN TO BOSTON

The famous organ which was purchased many years ago by public subscription, in order that Boston might have the finest organ in the world, and was later erected in the Searles Castle in Methuen after years in Boston Music Hall, may return to Boston.

Mayor Curley has received an offer of the organ from the Searles Estate and at 12:15 tomorrow, accompanied by Supt. of Schools Patrick T. Campbell, Chairman Joseph Hurley of the School Committee and John A. O'Shea, Musical Director of the Boston Schools, he will go to Methuen and look over the instrument.

Meanwhile the School Committee is making a survey of school buildings to determine where the organ, if accepted by the city, can be placed. It is believed that the auditorium of either of Girls' High School or the Boston Latin School could accommodate the organ, which has been played by the most famous organists of the world.

tions for visitors to the garden.

The well head which now forms the center of the garden will be transferred to the southerly end of the new area and will be replaced by a fountain. Additional seating facilities will be provided in the area adjacent to the Evans memorial of the Art Museum.



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CHOICE 12/5/31

## Curley Wants Better Trade on Courthouse

### Ready to Act if State Will Pay Third of Cost of Maintenance

If the representatives of the Commonwealth will agree to commit the State to the payment of 30 per cent of the maintenance charges of a new Suffolk County courthouse, roughly figured at \$150,000 annually, Mayor Curley will ask the City Council to approve the legislative bill which permits the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the structure.

This was the message which the mayor gave to Herbert Parker, representing the Boston Bar Association and the Judiciary, who called at City Hall today to ask the mayor to act without further delay. The mayor said that if Governor Ely, President Bacon of the Senate and Speaker Saltonstall of the House, together with the Senate and House chairmen of the Committee on Municipal Finance, would subscribe to the plan, at a conference next Monday, he would send a message to the City Council on the same day for acceptance of the bill.

Last spring the mayor went before the legislative committee strongly objecting to the measure then being considered which apportioned the cost of the structure on a 65-35 per cent basis. The mayor contended for a 50-50 split. The Senate amended the bill pledging the State to pay 70 per cent of the cost and the city 30 per cent. The bill was finally passed despite the strenuous objection of the mayor and the law department. At the last moment the request was made that the State also defray one-half the annual cost of maintenance, the late Judge Thomas H. Bilodeau making an impressive argument for this phase of the legislation at a final hearing given by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The strength of the Boston Bar Association was directed on the bill then in committee, Herbert Parker making a forceful argument for its acceptance. No provision was made for the maintenance costs, and the mayor has contended up to the present that the bill would not have his approval unless the State was willing to go farther to aid the city. Moreover, the mayor always objected to the provision that the building should be constructed under the supervision of a commission of three members, one of whom should be appointed by the governor, another by the mayor and the third by Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Leaders of the Bar Association, however, had all along felt that the mayor would finally submit to the provisions of the measure, even though his views on it have been reiterated time and again during the year.

## Mayor in Tribute to R. H. White Co.

Speaking before the first organization meeting of the new Men's Club of the R. H. White Company, held in the store restaurant last night, Mayor Curley paid tribute to the old business concerns, such as White's, which have meant so much to the city, and expressed the hope that the employees realize how important such activities as men's clubs are in large organizations.

He said that the old mercantile firms in Boston typified service and square dealing, but that these attributes came from the conduct of their employees as well as from the character of the management. The future of R. H. White Company depended largely on its employees, for they represent the store to the public. He said it was their duty and responsibility to keep up the old traditions of service and square dealing. President Benjamin Raphael of R. H. White Company said that the management was wholeheartedly behind the Men's Club and that it wanted its employees to feel that the store organization is one body, one group, one happy family.

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## TRIBUTE BY CURLEY TO R. H. WHITE CO

### Service of Old Business Institutions Stressed

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## MAYOR CURLEY GIVES COURTHOUSE TERMS

### State Must Pay Third of Maintenance, He Says

Provided that the State will promise to pay one-third of the maintenance charges of a new Suffolk County Courthouse, Mayor Curley will request the City Council to approve the legislative bill which will provide for the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for such a structure, the Mayor yesterday told Herbert Parker, who called at City Hall as the representative of the Boston Bar Association and the Judiciary.

When Mr Parker asked him to act on the bill without further delay, Mayor Curley said that if the Governor, Speaker Saltonstall of the House and Pres Gaspar G. Bacon of the Senate and other officials would approve of his plan in a projected conference next Monday, he would the same day ask the City Council to formally approve the measure.

Under the Mayor's terms the representatives of the State will have to commit the State to a payment of one-third of the \$150,000 annual cost which has been estimated as the new building's maintenance cost before the City Council is instructed officially to approve the appropriation of the construction cost.

In spite of objections on the part of the Mayor and the Law Department, a bill was passed last Spring which pledged the State to defray 70 percent of the cost and the city 30 percent. In the bill no provision was made for maintenance costs, although at a final hearing before the Ways and Means Committee the late Judge Thomas H. Bilodeau made an impressive argument in favor of the State's paying half of the annual cost of maintenance.

Up to the present the Mayor has contended that the bill would not have his approval unless the State were willing to aid the city further. Mayor Curley has also expressed his disapproval of the provision which says that the building shall be constructed under the supervision of a committee of three—one appointed by the Governor, one by the Mayor and one by Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg of the Supreme Judicial Court.

## NOBLE'S ROUND TABLE CLUB CALLS ON MAYOR

A delegation representing Noble's Round Table Club, consisting of 25,000 boys and girls, called upon Mayor Curley this morning and pinned in his lapel a gold badge of honorary membership in the organization.

The Mayor was invited to talk at the annual affair of the organization, which will be held on Dec 21.



## Gen. D. Pression Driver Loses Job; Tells Curley 'We Buried Wrong Guy'

The chauffeur who drove Mayor Curley at the head of the funeral cortege for "General D. Pression" last Tuesday has written a letter to the mayor saying, "We buried the wrong guy." When he returned from the funeral he found his own job was gone.

Leslie Fletcher, formerly a three-letter athlete at Stoneham High school, had the honor of leading General D. Pression's funeral procession as Mayor Curley's personal driver.

No one took more pleasure in the rites than he. Secure in the knowledge he had a job, he sang "Happy Days Are Here Again" with the best of them as the General's coffin slid into the harbor from Battery wharf.

The ceremony over, Fletcher drove Curley back to City Hall, the mayor sitting with him on the front seat for the sake of warmth. They both expressed the hope that the obsequies would have a lasting effect.

Fletcher then returned to the offices of his employers, an automobile agency. His boss met him at the door.

"I guess there's nothing doing for you, Fletcher," the boss said, "I just had orders from the front office to lay you off until times are better."

Fletcher sat himself down in the office of his erstwhile employers and wrote the following note to Mayor Curley:

Dear Mayor:

Don't be surprised if you get tried for murder. You and I buried the wrong guy this morning. It was General D. Pression's chauffeur who passed away.

Metamorphosically,

LESLIE FLETCHER.

## G. DEPRESSION RITES COST JOB

The letter which Lester Fletcher, a chauffeur who participated in the exercises incidental to the burial of General Depression in the icy waters of Boston harbor early this week is said to have mailed to Mayor Curley has not reached City Hall as yet, the mayor said today.

"If the fact were as stated I will assist the man in securing employment," the mayor said.

According to friends of Fletcher he wrote the mayor that after participating in the burial exercises he returned to his place of employment to find himself jobless.

This is the letter which is now supposed to be in the mails addressed to the Mayor:

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## CURLEY IS ADAMANT ON COURTHOUSE ACT

Says State Must Finance 30  
P. C. of Maintenance

Mayor Curley yesterday designated an agreement by the commonwealth to assume 30 per cent. of the maintenance cost of an enlarged Suffolk county courthouse as the price of acceptance by the city of legislative enactment authorizing a \$5,000,000 addition to the present structure.

His demand for a specific guarantee of legislative action which will commit the state to contribute an annual sum, estimated at \$160,000, will be the basis of discussion Monday at a conference with Gov. Ely, President Bacon of the Senate, Speaker Saltonstall of the House and the chairmen of the committee on municipal finance.

The courthouse enlargement act, which the city council has repeatedly refused to seriously consider because of dissatisfaction with financial matters

involved, must be accepted by both the council and the mayor before definite steps can be taken to provide additional court accommodations.

Mayor Curley is adamant in his attitude. He declared his views yesterday to Herbert Parker, who appealed to him, as a representative of both the bar association and the judiciary, to hasten acceptance of the act in order that long needed additional facilities can be furnished.

Mr. Parker declared his willingness to deliver the ultimatum of the mayor to the state officials and to arrange the conference Monday. The mayor demands a specific assurance of Gov. Ely, together with similar guarantees by the presiding officers of both legislative branches and the Senate and House chairmen of the municipal finance committee, that legislation will be enacted early next year which will relieve Boston of the burden of providing housing accommodations for purely state judicial functions.

## MAYOR AND PARTY INSPECT OLD ORGAN

Mayor Curley, in company with Superintendent of Schools Campbell and John O'Shea, director of music, went to Methuen yesterday to examine a large organ on the Edward F. Searles estate there, which has been offered the city by trustees of the estate. Mr. O'Shea played the organ for half an hour, but at the conclusion of the visit Supt. Campbell and the mayor reserved comment as to whether the instrument would be purchased by the city.

## MAY TOUR U. S. FOR ROOSEVELT

Curley Contemplates Plan  
to Support N. Y. Gov-  
ernor for President

Mayor Curley revealed today that he has been giving serious consideration to a plan to tour the United States this winter in the interests of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, the mayor's choice for the Democratic nomination for President. Although he has considered the project the mayor said he had yet reach no decision.



# PASTOR STARTS LONG TRIP IN OLD AUTO

Rev. W. M. Partridge Taking Dog on 9000-Mile Preaching Tour West, Via Florida and Texas



MAYOR CURLEY PRESENTING A BLACK THORN STICK TO REV. W. M. PARTRIDGE

Headed for the wide open spaces of the great West in his 11-year-old ancient and honorable "gasbuggy," Rev. W. M. Partridge, formerly rector of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, East Cottage st., Dorchester, left from in front of City Hall in School at shortly before noon today on the first leg of his long journey to California via Florida and Texas to hold preaching mission in the Far West.

Rev. Mr. Partridge is accompanied by his little dog Spot, and he is provided with a letter of introduction from Mayor Curley requesting that the "on-the-march" clergyman be given every courtesy in the numerous municipalities that he will pass through on his 9000-mile trip.

## Curley on Trip for Roosevelt

Mayor Curley today admitted that he is making plans for a speaking tour of Western cities in behalf of Governor Roosevelt's candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. He would visit the larger cities all the way to the Pacific Coast, and the journey would take a month or more. There had been a rumor that the mayor would visit Roosevelt next week at his camp in Georgia, but the trip has been called off. The mayor remarked that "the interests" already are working against the New York governor, and that it would seem advisable to lose no time in making an appeal direct to the people.

# CURLEY TAKES STEPS TO BRING BACK ORGAN

Goes to Methuen to View Noted Searles Instrument

Special Dispatch to the Globe

METHUEN, Dec 4—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston was here today and viewed the famous organ brought here many years ago from Boston by the late Edward T. Searles, and the magnificent housed in a special building. The organ, it is said, may leave here, and the Mayor's visit was the initial step in a possible plan to induce some public-spirited citizen to return the organ to Boston.

The Mayor was accompanied by Supt of Schools Patrick T. Campbell and Prof John A. O'Shea, director of music in the Boston schools.

Prof O'Shea, an old friend, for 50 years ago Prof O'Shea received music instruction on the famous instrument, which was then housed in the Old Music Hall, Bromfield st. Mr Searles bought the organ and had it transported here.

When the idea was first suggested to Mayor Curley it was believed that it might be possible to install it in one of the high schools, but when it was viewed today it was evident that there is no school auditorium in Boston capable of caring for it.

While Mayor Curley inspected the instrument and its beautiful surroundings, Prof O'Shea sat at the keyboard.

Before leaving for Boston, Mayor Curley expressed the hope that he might find some means of taking the organ back to Boston, where it was first erected.

## MAYOR TO TOUR FOR ROOSEVELT

Mayor Curley may tour the nation this winter in the interests of Gov. Roosevelt, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

The mayor revealed today that he is giving the matter serious consideration and that he is soon to make a definite decision on it.

"I am confident Gov. Roosevelt will be nominated for the presidency by the Democrats and I believe that I should visit the various sections of the nation in his behalf this winter," the mayor said.



# POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

By JOHN D. MERRILL

The attention of Massachusetts politicians will turn this week to Washington, where Congress will assemble. It is taken for granted that the Democrats will organize the House of Representatives and assume the chairmanships of the committees. Critical observers will watch with interest the developments, having in mind the possibility that most of the important places will go to Representatives from the South. Northern Democrats are bringing to bear whatever influence they have in order to prevent the South from dominating the Congressional situation.

Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald of this city has been active in his efforts to convince the Democratic leaders that the North, especially New England, should be adequately represented on the important House committees, namely, Ways and Means, Appropriations, and the Judiciary. Mr Fitzgerald's recollections go back to the time, 35 years or so ago, when he was the only Democratic Congressman from New England and the other Northeastern States had only a few Democrats in the lower branch; under those circumstances it was inevitable that the South should have most of the important committee places which were given to Democrats.

## Conditions Changed Now

Conditions, however, have changed. Massachusetts has four Democratic Congressmen, and other New England States and New York are represented in part by Democrats. It is true that if the rule of seniority is rigidly carried out, the South, which year after year returns its members of Congress, will have the lion's share of the committee places, but Mr Fitzgerald and others are trying to persuade the party leaders to abandon that rule and give committee places to Northern Democrats who would not have them under the practice of assigning places according to the length of service of the members.

Mr Fitzgerald has written three letters. The first went to Chairman Rascob and Jouett Shouse of the Democratic National Committee, and subsequent communications have had wider distribution among prominent Democrats. The ex-Congressman says, in part, in his latest letter: "Massachusetts was one of the two Northern States which went for Smith. Further, Massachusetts is an industrial State, not glutted with riches, as it is sometimes pictured by outsiders, but a community where for ten years or more centers, such as Fall River, New Bedford, Lawrence, Lowell, Taunton and other sizable cities, have witnessed tens of thousands of workers walking the streets most of the time.

"At present Boston is paying out \$7,000,000 annually to families of men out of work. That is ten times as much as was paid out when I was Mayor 18 years ago. This is a condition, not a theory. Massachusetts wants, and should have, representation on some of the ranking committees such as Ways and Means, Judiciary, and Appropriations."

## South vs North

The Republicans, of course, hope that the rule of seniority will be enforced in the distribution of House committee places under the new Democratic Speaker; if the South insists on having what that rule would give it the Republicans will give due publicity to that fact and press the argument that the rest of the country can hope for little while the Democrats are in control of Congress. Such a conclusion will not help the Democrats in New England, which at the moment seems to promise well for them. But if the industrial workers in this section of the country think they can expect more from the Republicans than from the Democrats the latter will find their prospects dwindling here.

Such are the responsibilities of success in the elections. It may well prove that the Democrats would have been better off if they had failed to elect a majority of the House of Representatives. According to reports from Washington, the Republicans are feeling more sanguine about the national situation; it is said that Vice President Curtis decided to be a candidate for renomination instead of running for the Senate because he believed the Republican outlook was much more favorable than it seemed a few months ago. The policy followed by the Democrats in assigning committee places in the national House may become a matter of prime importance in the coming campaign.

## That Committee Post

In the meantime, Massachusetts Democrats are interested in the election of the Massachusetts member of the Democratic national committee to succeed the late Mayor Edward W. Quinn of Cambridge. Most of the politicians have assumed that Frank J. Donahue, chairman of the Democratic State committee, would be chosen to take Mr Quinn's place, and that expectation may be realized, but considerable opposition has developed to the plan for giving both of these important places to Mr Donahue. He can doubtless choose which he prefers, and perhaps may have both, but a fight will be made against him.

The United States Senators from Massachusetts, both Democrats, want the Massachusetts member of the national committee to be in sympathy with them. No one else can meet that requirement better than Mr Donahue, who has always been very close to Senator Walsh, but it is quite possible that the State leaders may agree on some one else who, in the particular just set forth, cannot be criticised as Mr Donahue would be if he held both of the places mentioned.

Stories have been circulated that John F. Fitzgerald might be selected for the national committee, but his friends say he would not take the place if it were offered to him. The Democratic State committee will probably meet late this month or early in January to name the committee member.

## Democratic National Politics

Mr Shouse of the Democratic na-

tional executive committee, who visited Massachusetts last week, said some agreeable things about Gov Ely and at least intimated that the latter might be "drafted" for the Democratic nomination for President. There is a suspicion that Mr Shouse makes similar remarks in every State which has a Democratic Governor or United States Senator. Gov Ely, a sensible man, did not take Mr Shouse too seriously. The Governor of this State would make a better President than many others mentioned, but unfortunately "the geographic argument" works against him. The feeling that New England is remote from the other portions of the country and does not even realize what goes on elsewhere seems to be more widespread than usual.

Mr Shouse's observations, however, may be an asset to those Democrats who believe Massachusetts should send an unpledged delegation to the coming national convention of the party. Mayor Curley and his friends are doing all they can to elect a delegation pledged to Gov Roosevelt. Everything which leads the Democratic voters in Massachusetts to believe that a man from this State can be nominated for President or Vice President will operate against a pledged delegation.

## The Smith Argument

There is also the other very effective argument that perhaps Ex-Gov Smith, the Democratic nominee for President in 1928, may decide to run again. Some of his friends report conversations in which he has stated he would not be a candidate in 1932, but he has made no public statement to that effect, and those who say they are close to him believe he will not be an avowed seeker for the nomination even if he would like to have it. The story is that if a deadlock arises in the Democratic National Convention the delegates may turn to him. The mere suggestion of

such a possibility will add to the difficulties in the way of electing in Massachusetts a delegation pledged to Gov Roosevelt, and if by chance Mr Smith consents to become a formal candidate for the Presidential nomination no other candidate could make any headway against him in Massachusetts.

Much depends on the ability of Gov Roosevelt's friends to convince Democrats here that he is the liberal, progressive candidate for the nomination. It is said that Wall Street and many important financial interests are working against his nomination; if that statement is true and can be proven, Gov Roosevelt's chances in Massachusetts will be greatly helped.

## HERALD 12/6/31 ELY, CURLEY WILL AID VETERANS' XMAS DRIVE

The annual appeal of the Disabled Veterans Christmas Remembrance committee for funds with which to furnish Massachusetts veterans confined to hospitals with Christmas stockings and to further its relief work among needy disabled veterans will be opened tonight with radio addresses by Gov. Ely, Mayor James M. Curley and Mayor Sinclair Weeks of Newton, chairman of the general committee.

The Disabled Veterans Christmas Remembrance committee is sponsored by the leading service organizations of the state, including the American Red Cross, American Legion, Military Order of the World War, American Legion Auxiliary, Women's Overseas League, Army and Navy Service, Inc., Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other service organizations, 14 in all.



# \$500,000 NEEDED FOR RELIEF FUND

## Mayor Points to Deficit in Appropriation

## Public Asked to Contribute to Aid City's Poor

## Public Welfare Overseers to Disburse Money

Declaring that a deficit of more than \$500,000 in the city's appropriations for poor and unemployment relief made it necessary to launch the "Unemployment Relief Fund" to be raised by public subscription, Mayor Curley issued a statement yesterday in which he explained that all contributions to the fund "will be disbursed under the sole direction of the Overseers of Public Welfare."

Such disbursement, the Mayor said, will be made "for the single purpose of relieving those members of the community who, because of existing depression, have suffered the loss of regular and steady employment."

### Text of Statement

The Mayor's statement follows:

"The Unemployment Relief Fund, now being raised by the city through voluntary contributions by city and county employes, by business houses and firms and the general public, is to be expended under the direction of the Overseers of Public Welfare for the purpose of relieving the unemployed of the city and their dependents. The necessity for such a fund may be realized from the following facts:

"The relief appropriations made by the city in 1931 for the Public Welfare Department totaled \$6,350,000. Of this amount, \$6,225,000 has already been expended, leaving a balance of \$125,000 to meet the demands for relief which will be made upon the Public Welfare Department during the month of December. In all probability these demands will total close to \$700,000, so that it is clear the city is facing a deficit of over a half-million dollars in its appropriation for poor and unemployment relief. "This deficit will be financed in part from unexpended departmental bal-

ances, which will be available at the close of the fiscal year, but it is evident that outside aid and assistance is necessary if the total deficit is to be absorbed, and the needs of less fortunate members of the community satisfied.

### Need Anticipated

"The need for supplementing the regular budget appropriations of the Public Welfare Department was recognized at a meeting of department heads with the Mayor in the latter part of October.

"At this meeting the plan of voluntary contributions by city and county employes, to start in November and extend for a period of at least six months, was proposed and adopted. During the month of November these contributions, together with others received from sources outside of City Hall, amounted to over \$42,000.

"This amount has been set up on books of the city as a special fund, known as 'The Unemployment Relief Fund.' Disbursements from the fund are to be made on requisition by the Overseers of Public Welfare. In making such requisitions, the overseers have only one limitation, namely, all payments must be made for relief of unemployment and none of the contributions made to the fund is to be used for any other purpose. All requisitions will be checked by the city auditor and properly accounted for by the Public Welfare Department.

### Overseers in Charge

"The reason for placing the contributions in a special fund, rather than crediting them direct to the regular appropriation of the Welfare Department, is due to the fact that, in closing the books of the city at the end of the year, all regular appropriations are credited to general revenue, and, therefore, lose their individual identity, whereas, all special appropriations are carried forward to the new year, thus retaining their identity. Because of this fact any contributions received during the current year, which are not expended in 1931, will be carried forward on the books of the city for 1932 and be used in that year to relieve the unemployed.

"In short, all contributions to the Unemployment Relief Fund of the city will be disbursed under the sole direction of the Overseers of Public Welfare for the single purpose of relieving those members of the community, who, because of existing depression, have suffered the loss of regular and steady employment."

## APPROVES EXTENSION OF AUTO SIGNAL SYSTEM

An item of \$16,000 for extension of the automobile signal system from Tremont st to Southampton st on Massachusetts av, and on Tremont st at West Newton, Dartmouth and Berkeley sts, was approved yesterday by Mayor Curley.

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## Mayor Curley to Address Club Conference

MAYOR JAMES M. CURLEY and Edward A. Filene will be the leading speakers at the conference of the Fourth and Sixth Districts of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, on Wednesday at 9:45 a. m., in the ballroom of Hotel Statler, Boston. Mayor Curley will bring the city's greetings to the morning session, speaking on "Women's Clubs as a Civic Asset." Mr. Filene will address the afternoon session on "Mass Production and the Consumer's Dollar."

Mrs. Stewart A. Colpitts of Allston and Mrs. Frederick E. Judd of Boston, directors of the two districts, will share presiding honors, and Mrs. Frank Harvey Cole of Chelsea will officiate as president of the hostess group, the Ex-Club of New Hampshire's Daughters of Boston. Distinguished guests will include Mrs. Carl L. Schrader of Belmont, state president; Mrs. Arthur Devens Potter of Greenfield, director of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Benjamin H. Currier, former director of the Fourth District.

Among the several divisions whose activities will be presented in the morning, that of co-operation with war veterans, Mrs. Walter H. Woods, chairman, will be featured, and there will be a Christmas sale of articles fashioned by disabled veterans.

Round tables will precede luncheon served in the foyer at 12:30 o'clock. A song rally for Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, candidate for president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be staged as a tribute to her honorary membership in New Hampshire's Daughters. Luncheon reservations must be secured not later than tomorrow of Mrs. Stewart A. Colpitts, 15 Allston st., Allston, or Mrs. Frank H. Cole, 19 Cary ave., Chelsea.

## Mayor Asks \$16,000 for Traffic Lights

An order calling for the expenditure of \$16,000 for traffic signal lights on Massachusetts ave. between Southampton and Tremont sts., and at intersections in Tremont st., at Dartmouth, West Newton and Berkeley sts., was sent to the City Council by Mayor Curley yesterday and will probably be acted on at the regular meeting of that group tomorrow afternoon.

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# DEFICIT OF \$575,000 FOR RELIEF

## Mayor Calls Upon the Public to Aid Fund

Appealing for voluntary contributions to the city's unemployment relief fund, Mayor Curley last night announced that although he has appropriated \$6,350,000 for relief this year, this quota will fall short of the demands from the poor and the jobless by about \$575,000.

### PUBLIC AID NECESSARY

This deficit will be met partly by the transfer of unexpended balances from the various city departments, but in order that no worthy family might want for food, fuel and other necessities during the final weeks of the year, the Mayor pointed out that the public fund was necessary.

All contributions, including \$42,000 contributed last month by city employees and other groups, are being carried on the books of the city as "The Unemployment Relief Fund" and they can be disbursed only on requisition by the Overseers of Public Welfare and for the sole purpose of relieving the jobless, the Mayor explained.

The Mayor said that the contributions were listed as a special fund so that they could be carried over the end of the year without losing their identity, because all regular appropriations at the end of the year are credited to general revenue.

As the city employees have agreed to donate a percentage of their salaries for six months, beginning last month and carrying through the winter, the unemployment relief fund will be maintained as a special fund, so that a running total of its donations and disbursements can be kept open for inspection.

### Mayor Explains Fund

In his statement, explaining the details of the fund, the Mayor said last night:

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### Voluntary Contributions

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"The reason for placing the contributions in a special fund rather than crediting them direct to the regular appropriation of the welfare department is due to the fact that in closing the books of the city at the end of the year, all regular appropriations are credited to general revenue, and, therefore, lose their individual identity, whereas, all special appropriations are carried forward to the new year, thus retaining their identity. Because of this fact, any contributions received during the current year, which are not expended in 1931, will be carried forward on the books of the city for 1932, and be used in that year to relieve the unemployed.

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## HOW EXPENSES HAVE INCREASED IN BOSTON WELFARE DEPARTMENT

1919	\$800,000
1920	880,000
1921	1,127,000
1922	1,300,000
1923	1,250,000
1924	1,472,000
1925	1,562,000
1926	1,794,000
1927	1,912,000
1928	2,195,000
1929	2,480,000
1930	3,600,000
1931	7,000,000

## MAYOR MAY TRAVEL TO COAST FOR REST

### Expected to Stop on Way for Roosevelt Speeches

Mayor Curley is expected to spend his Winter vacation this season in Southern California instead of Palm Beach.

It was reported yesterday that he will make the trip West more than a vacation by pausing at leading cities along the route to speak in the interests of the Presidential candidacy of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York. Several invitations for him to speak are said to have been received already.

## OFFERS OFFICES FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday extended to Mayor Curley an offer of a suite of four rooms without charge in the Chamber of Commerce Building to be used by the personnel in charge of the Mayor's emergency unemployment committee.

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## Curley to Tour U. S. to Boom Roosevelt

Mayor Curley plans to tour the entire United States during the coming winter in behalf of the candidacy of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, who aspires for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. The Mayor said yesterday he is giving the matter serious consideration and he will soon decide definitely as to how extensive a tour he will make.

"Even though I am confident that Gov. Roosevelt will receive the Democratic nomination, still I believe that it would be best if I did make such a tour," the Mayor said.

## Mayor Gives Pastor Blackthorn Stick

Carrying with him an Irish blackthorn stick, the head of which resembles a bishop's crook, Rev. Fr. W. M. Partridge, former pastor of St. Anne's Episcopal church, Dorchester, left City Hall, yesterday, on the first stage of his missionary tour through the South and West. The symbol was presented to the clergyman by Mayor Curley when he called at City Hall to bid his friend of many years goodbye.



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JAMES M. CURLEY  
MAYOR

CITY OF BOSTON  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

December 3, 1931

Mrs. Lena Reinhart,  
174 Harvard Street,  
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Reinhart:

I have learned of your bereavement in the death of your son Alfred Seymour Reinhart, an undergraduate of Harvard University, and a youth of the highest attainments.

May I pray you will accept the assurance of my sympathy and sorrow

I have learned that while a student of the Harvard Medical School, your son was stricken by a heart malady, and despite his constant suffering he made a most valued and diligent study in diseases affecting the heart, including his own case, and during days of intense suffering, worked professionally with a fortitude that has brought forth the tribute of those associated with the professional life in which he was so brilliant a student.

The loss of such a youth to the medical profession is irreparable.

The memory, however, of your son as a youth, devoted to the highest professional ideals, and who carried out his mission in life with a singular fortitude, strength of purpose and kindness of spirit, despite the most exacting burden of daily suffering, should bring to you at all times the most hallowed memories.

Sincerely yours, .

Mayor.

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## Joins Club



Staff Photo  
MAYOR CURLEY was made a member of Noble's Round Table Club, radio unit, when Christine Finlayson and two other members called on him at City Hall yesterday.

## Mayor Goes to Capital

Accompanied by members of the maritime bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Curley is to leave for Washington tomorrow night to attend the annual congress on rivers and waterways.

## JOBLESS ONLY TO BENEFIT BY SPECIAL FUND

City's Regular Welfare Work  
to Be Kept Separate  
Mayor Announces

Disbursements from the city's special unemployment relief fund will be limited to the unemployed, aside from regular welfare work, Mayor Curley ordered last night.

The order came in a statement of explanation on the fund being raised by voluntary contributions from city and county employes, business houses and the general public.

"The reason for placing the contributions in a special fund rather than crediting them direct to the regular appropriation of the welfare department is due to the fact that in closing the books of the city each year, surpluses are credited to general revenue and lose their identity," the Mayor said.

"Special funds are carried over into the next year.

"Because of that fact contributions not spent in 1931 will be carried forward for expenditure in 1932."

Mayor Curley explained, however, that all the funds would be disbursed under the direction of the welfare department.

## Contract Awarded

A. G. Tomasello & Sons Co. were yesterday awarded a contract for installation of water pipes at Franklin Park by Mayor Curley. The project will cost \$10,931.

HERALD 12/7/31

## CURLEY PLANS TRIP TO NATIONAL CAPITAL

Mayor Curley will spend at least two days this week in Washington combining national politics with participation in the annual congress on rivers and waterways.

With Thomas J. A. Johnson and Frank S. Davis of the port authority the mayor will leave for Washington tomorrow night. The sessions of the congress are to be held Tuesday and Wednesday.

## MAYOR TO TOUR FOR ROOSEVELT

To Stump in Larger Cities  
of Country

Mayor Curley will take the stump in the larger cities of the country and lend his best oratory to the presidential aspirations of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, he indicated last night.

Following the enrollment of prominent Democratic leaders in the National Roosevelt for President Club of Massachusetts from 35 of the 48 States, to whom the Mayor sent Roosevelt campaign buttons, he has received a score of invitations to make personal appearances in the South, the Middle West and the West in behalf of New York's Governor.

The Mayor will leave tomorrow night for Washington to attend the annual Rivers and Harbors Congress to which he has been commissioned a delegate by President J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia. While the purpose of his Washington trip is to urge the widening of the Cape Cod Canal and Boston Harbor channels, the Mayor will take opportunity by the forelock to boom Roosevelt for President.

GLOBE 12/7/31

## ELY, CURLEY, WEEKS OPEN DRIVE FOR DISABLED VETS

Radio addresses last night by Gov Ely, Mayor Curley and Mayor Sinclair Weeks of Newton from WBZ opened the annual drive of the Disabled Veterans' Christmas Remembrance Association for funds with which to furnish confined and bedridden Massachusetts veterans with Christmas stockings and to aid the committee's general relief work among needy ex-soldiers.

Under the committee's program, each of the 3500 disabled veterans confined to hospitals in this State, and Massachusetts veterans confined to Government hospitals in other parts of the country, will be presented with a stocking filled with substantial and useful gifts, each stocking to cost a minimum of \$2.50.

Mayor Weeks is chairman of the general committee, and Mrs Robert Lincoln O'Brien is chairman of the participating organization.

Mayor Curley, on his way to California for his Winter vacation, may stop off here and there to make speeches on behalf of the Presidential aspirations of Gov Roosevelt. Wonder how good a Postmaster General Mr Curley would make?



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## 8000 HEAR CONCERT AT BOSTON GARDEN

### Response Pleases Mayor; Thompson Stone Conducts

An audience of 8000 persons heard the Civic Symphony Orchestra, Thompson Stone conductor, play in the Boston Garden last evening the first concert of a series of 19 to be given there on Sunday evenings. Arthur Fiedler, member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and conductor of the Pops and the Esplanade concerts, as well as of the Boston Sinfonietta, served as guest conductor in an energetic performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture.

Reinald Werrenrath, baritone, was the soloist, singing Walter Damrosch's setting of "Danny Deever" and Oley Speaks' "On the Road to Mandalay."

Mayor Curley made a speech from his box immediately after intermission, saying that the concert, which had been a dream in his mind and in that of Dick Dunn, manager of the Garden, three weeks before, had last evening become a reality. He thanked all present for their response, and expressed the hope that not only they but their friends would attend future concerts.

He announced that Beniamino Gigli, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will be soloist at the second concert next Sunday evening, and that the management hoped to obtain as

soloists for future concerts such world-famous artists as John McCormack and Amelita Galli-Curci, coloratura soprano formerly of the Chicago and Metropolitan Opera Companies.

Mayor Curley announced that 50 percent of the proceeds from these concerts will be turned over to the city of Boston to be used in caring for undernourished children of this city.

The program—one apparently devised to suit all tastes—began with Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" march, and continued with the Tchaikovsky Overture, the first movement of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony, the "Valse des Fleurs" from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" Suite, selections from Victor Herbert's "The Fortune Teller," the Overture to Wagner's "Flying Dutchman," selections from Verdi's opera "Aida," Weber's "Invitation to the Dance," excerpts from Delibes' ballet "Sylvia," and Johann Strauss' "Blue Danube" waltz.

Mr Stone, who conducted all but the "1812" overture, was enthusiastically received during the concert and Mr Fiedler also was the recipient of much applause, after his appearance.

When Mr Werrenrath, a first-rate singer of ballads, had finished his second song and an encore, the listeners were loath to let him go. Not until he had reappeared many times, were the lights finally turned up and the concert resumed.

The orchestra played on a large platform in the middle of the arena, under the battery of powerful lights. Removable seats for the audience were placed on all four sides of the platform.

These concerts were conceived by Mayor Curley and Dick Dunn, to bring orchestral music to large numbers of local people at "popular" prices. Tickets are 50 cents, 75 cents, and \$1. The concerts begin at 8:15.

Last evening's concert was sponsored by the Women's Department of the Massachusetts Section of the National Civic Federation. It was broadcast by WNAC.

## 8000 APPLAUD GARDEN CONCERT

### Civic Symphony Orchestra Opens Series

Eight thousand persons, described by Mayor Curley as the largest crowd ever to attend a symphony concert in Boston, last night applauded enthusiastically a new venture in music in which the Civic Symphony orchestra appeared in the Boston Garden.

Reinald Werrenrath, famous baritone, was the guest soloist and was so favorably received that at the end of his final encore number the applause was so pronounced the concert was delayed five minutes.

A program consisting entirely of such old favorites as "Stars and Stripes Forever," Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," "Invitation to the Dance" and "On the Beautiful Blue Danube" held the audience at rapt attention for more than two hours. Thompson Stone was conductor, with Arthur Fiedler guest conductor.

An amplifying system made the music clearly audible throughout the Garden, and the amplification appeared not to detract from the music's beauty.

Mr. Werrenrath said he found it as easy to sing from the improvised stage on the Garden floor as from the regular concert stage.

Last night's concert was the first of 19 Sunday night concerts at popular prices to be given in the Garden by the Civic Symphony orchestra under the sponsorship of the women's department, National Civic Federation, Massachusetts section. The second, next Sunday, will have Gogli, Metropolitan Opera Company tenor, as the guest soloist.

The first Garden concert having been so successful, Mayor Curley predicted that 15,000 persons would attend that next Sunday. He said, in a talk to the audience, that the management of the Garden had agreed to give part of the proceeds to a fund for undernourished children.

AMERICAN

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## A 5-Year Program

A Massachusetts commission on the stabilization of employment has made its report to Governor Ely.

The essence of its report is this:

*The State should at all times have ready a five-year program of highway and building development.*

*This program should be financed in normal times by the pay-as-you-go policy.*

*But in abnormal times, such as we have been experiencing, the Governor should proclaim that an emergency exists.*

*The program then should be advanced. The work planned for two years should be consolidated into one year. The State should issue bonds or short-time notes to finance it.*

Thanks to the aggressiveness of Governor Ely that is exactly the plan which has been put into effect in Massachusetts and thanks to the aggressiveness of Mayor Curley that is the plan that has been put into operation in the city of Boston.

The plan is a splendid one. It relieves unemployment. It supplies useful work for American citizens who otherwise would have to rely upon a dole. It enables the State to keep its valuable plant in good shape. It enables the taxpayers to get their public work done when the cost of materials is cheap.

If the national government at Washington would have the sense and courage to undertake such a program, in proportion to the vast wealth of the country, our troubles would soon be over and forgotten.

### Curley Delays Trip to Capital

Mayor Curley today postponed his trip to Washington, for the annual conference on rivers and waterways, until tomorrow evening in order that he may be in attendance tomorrow at a meeting of the members of the Florence Crittenden League in the home of Mrs. Wilmot R. Evans in Chestnut st., Back Bay.

The Mayor had planned to leave Boston this evening.

## Mayor Tries Again in School Dispute

Another effort was made today by Mayor Curley to settle the longstanding dispute over the construction of a high school in Roxbury or Dorchester for which \$920,000 from the legislative appropriation of last year is available.

A week ago the mayor called the City Council into conference and induced them to effect a compromise by passing the bill with the understanding that the appropriation would be split, one-half of it to be applied to a high school on Wilder street, Grove Hall, and the other half to be held for a high school in the Meeting House Hill district. At that time the mayor felt that the compromise plan would be adopted by the school committee. At last Monday's meeting, however, the school committee turned it down.

Today besides the members of the City Council, a majority of the membership of the School Committee as well as Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the Finance Commission and Representatives Sullivan and Levins were present. The School Committee remained adamant for the Wilder street site and the use of the entire appropriation for the building, admitting, however, that eventually a new high school will have to be built in Dorchester and also in West Roxbury. Mayor Curley argued for the use of the \$920,000 on the Wilder street site and announced that he would favor for next year an appropriation for a high school in Dorchester and also in West Roxbury if conditions required them.

The question does not come up today before the City Council but will come up next Monday. The order must be disposed of before Dec. 31 or it will be nullified. So far as the signs went today there is little prospect of favorable action, notwithstanding the appeal which Councilor Ruby made for Wilder street action, and an announcement from Representative Sullivan that he had a bill prepared for submission to the Legislature in behalf of a Dorchester high school.

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# Santason Keeps Promise To Visit Mayor Curley



Mayor Curley and his younger son George welcome Santason, accompanied by Santa Claus and "Mox," the Famous Jordan Marsh Toyland clown, when they pay a visit to the mayor at City Hall.

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the famous Toyland clown, supplying considerable comedy to the visit by his numerous capers, and Santa Claus, who has won the hearts of kiddies now for many years.

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## Xmas Greetings

were extended Mayor Curley and his son, George, by Santa Claus, Santason and "Moxo," famous Toyland clown, at City Hall yesterday. The noted trio, making their appearance daily, at the Jordan Marsh Co., are shown with His Honor and George Curley, who was presented special gift by Santason.



HERALD

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## DIES IN CHAIR AT RUBY DINNER

Samuel Kasanoff, Ward 14  
Democrat, Victim of  
Heart Disease

## COLLAPSES BEFORE ENDING HIS SPEECH

Just before ending his speech at a victory dinner to City Councilman Israel Ruby of Dorchester, at Dorchester Manor, 800 Morton street, last night, Samuel Kasanoff, chairman of the ward 14 Democratic committee, collapsed, and died in his chair. Heart disease was responsible. Dancing which was to have followed was cancelled.

Two physicians, Dr. Seth Arnold of City Hospital and Dr. Harry Korb, who were sitting on either side of Kasanoff, and Dist.-Atty. Foley carried him out of the dining room.

Kasanoff, who lived at 12 Powellton road, Dorchester, conducted a bakery on Blue Hill avenue, and was a member of the committee for last night's banquet. He leaves a widow, Sarah, and a brother, William.

Those who had spoken before Kasanoff's death included Joseph McGrath, president of the city council; Chairman Peter Tague of the Boston election com-

missioners, representing Mayor Curley; Asst.-Dist.-Atty. David Lasker, toastmaster; Hyman Manevitch, chairman of the dinner, and Councilman Laurence Curtis, 2d., of ward 5.

Dist.-Atty. Foley, Associate Justice Frank W. Miles of the Roxbury court, and Councilman Ruby spoke briefly after Kasanoff had been carried from the room.

Councilmen and councilmen-elect who were at the dinner included Dowd, Lynch, Green, Hein, Barker, Englert and Kelly. Representative Casson, who was recently appointed Republican legislative agent for the city; Representative Max Ulin and others were guests.

When informed of the death Mayor Curley said last night:

"I am grieved to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Kasanoff. He was a very active worker for the Democratic party, and he leaves behind him a host of friends."



POST 12/8/31

# URGES CITY JOB BUREAU BE GIVEN UP

## Dowd in Demand as Council Cuts Ap- propriation

Abolition of the Municipal Free Employment Bureau for its alleged failure to find work for the jobless was demanded by Councillor John F. Dowd of Roxbury late yesterday when the City Council voted to reduce the bureau's appropriation for the remainder of the year from \$10,000 to \$3000.

### "NUISANCE AND BURDEN"

He charged that the bureau was nothing but a nuisance and a burden on the taxpayers and that its annual overhead of about \$30,000 a year might better be spent in providing for 75 needy families throughout the year.

The bureau created no jobs for the unemployed, but merely filled vacancies at the City Hospital and in the snow-shovelling force, Councillor Dowd protested, claiming that the bureau was being used as a dumping ground by members of the Council who wanted to get the jobless off their shoulders.

At the request of Mayor Curley, the Council voted to rescind the loan authority on \$42,000 which was saved by the city on the installation of the Massachusetts avenue traffic lights, which were installed at \$83,000 against an original estimate of \$125,000.

The Council also adopted unanimously the Mayor's request for a loan order of \$16,000 to extend the Massachusetts avenue and the Tremont street traffic light units.

### Fine for Abandoning Car

Under a new ordinance adopted yesterday by the Council a penalty of a \$50 fine will be imposed on motorists, junk dealers or anybody else who abandons his automobile or parts of his automobile on either public or private land within the city limits. This measure to improve Boston's scenic beauty will require the approval of the Mayor before it becomes effective.

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He also appealed to the Finance Commission to provide the Council with a list of the firms selling meat to the city and the amounts of their contracts, protesting that this information had been denied him by the Mayor and the city purchasing department.

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## Governor and Mayor Discuss Courthouse

Mayor Curley, accompanied by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, today held a fifteen-minutes' conference with Governor Ely on the apportionment of the maintenance cost of the proposed \$5,000,000 Suffolk County Courthouse. The mayor expressed the belief that in view of the fact that the Supreme Judicial Court and the Land Court occupy the structure that some arrangement should be made for the Commonwealth to participate in the maintenance expense.

The mayor had estimated that the State should be required to bear 30 per cent of the estimated annual maintenance of \$400,000.

## Opposes Curley Tax Board Drive

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# WOULD RE-VALUE CITY PROPERTY

## Meanwhile, G.G.A. Advises Owners to Appeal Tax Cases to State Board

Scientific and equitable re-assessment of property throughout Boston, is the remedy advanced by the Good Government Association, to meet the demands of taxpayers for relief.

Pending the installation of an assessment policy based upon scientific consideration of all factors entering into the determination of valuations, taxpayers, who feel that they are unjustly assessed, are encouraged by the association to develop the practice of appealing for relief to the state board of tax appeals.

A release of the association publication yesterday disclosed that it was devoted entirely to criticism of Mayor Curley's attitude on assessments and refutation of claims which he has advanced in his attacks on the state board.

### STATE BOARD PRAISED

Instead of an "ignorant, impractical and unfit body acting contrary to the interests of the city," the state board is described as a very valuable improvement over discarded systems of appealing tax claims, and Mayor Curley is pictured as frantic because of the adverse decisions of the board in important Boston cases. Of the tax situation the statement says:

"In its final analysis the situation presents but one ray of hope for the solution of the problem—that promised revaluation. The other frantic thrusts merely add to confusion and not to any settlement.

"Recovery, then, must depend upon the sincerity, speed and ability with which city officials give Boston a long-overdue, modern assessment system. If installation is made quickly, fearlessly and scientifically, there is yet hope; if, on the other hand, they only go through the motions of re-assessing and pass the unsolved problem on to the next administration, the whole affair will be a colossal failure of the present administration."

Questioning the sincerity of Mayor Curley, attention is directed to his alleged confusing of the real situation by resort to conflicting attitudes.

The state board in no way violates home rule, according to the association officials, but it functions in behalf of the people in an intelligent manner and provides a system of appeals far preferable to the old method of awaiting determination by justice.



GLOBE

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## SANTASON, SANTA CLAUS AND MOXO VISIT MAYOR CURLEY AT CITY HALL

Famous Group Attracts Widespread Attention—George  
Curley Is Presented a Gift by Santason



GEORGE CURLEY RECEIVES GIFT FROM SANTASON  
Left to Right—George Curley, Mayor Curley and Santason.

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## MAYOR OUT FOR GROVE HALL HIGH

Urges Construction on  
Site Owned by  
the City

Construction of a \$920,000 high school building for the girls of Dorchester and Roxbury on a city-owned site at Grove Hall was urged yesterday by Mayor Curley in conference with the City Council, the school committee and Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the Finance Commission.

### AGAINST LEDGE SITE

Chairman Goodwin pointed out that the \$920,000 loan order, which was given a first reading a week ago by the City Council, could not be split to provide two new schools as recommended by the Council. Under the law, he said, all the money must go to a single building.

The Mayor publicly made known yesterday that he would never approve the transfer of the money to a site at Bowdoin street and Geneva avenue, Dorchester, where he protested "somebody is anxious to unload a ledge on the city." The cost of dynamiting the ledge to make a foundation for the building would be excessive, he said, warning that he would not approve the expenditure of a single cent on the ledge site as long as he remained at City Hall.

### Council Must Act Soon, He Says

Unless the Council approves the loan order with a second and final reading before the end of the year, the new building will be lost to both Dorchester and Roxbury, the Mayor warned, explaining that if he were a member of the Council he would vote for it.

Dr. Joseph V. Lyons, William Arthur Reilly and Francis C. Gray of the school committee agreed with the Mayor that work should be started without delay on the Grove Hall site, where the city already has the land and architects' plans waiting to provide work for 300 men in the building trades.

Next year an appeal can be made to the Legislature for authority to issue a loan for the construction of a Dorchester high school for girls, it was pointed out by Councillor Israel Ruby, sponsor of the Grove Hall group.

Representative Lewis R. Sullivan of Dorchester, however, declared that he would rather see the Grove Hall loan order die if the money could not be transferred to a Dorchester high school.



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## Also Seek to Lodge Jobless in Armories

Abolition of the present Boston Board of Overseers of Public Welfare and substitution of a paid commissioner and two paid deputy commissioners is sought in an order passed by the City Council at its regular meeting yesterday on motion of Councillor John F. Dowd.

Three other orders, passed on Dowd motions, seek use of Boston state armories as dormitories for the unemployed, and ask the Finance Commission for its report on garbage disposal contract and for records on city meat-buying from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, this year.

The anti-overseers order instructs the legislation committee of the council to draw up a bill, to be presented to the incoming Legislature to wipe out the welfare board and put in paid commissioners instead.

Dowd quoted from a finance commission report issued last summer which said some of the overseers rarely attended meetings and that every branch of the welfare department was "open to fraud and dishonesty." This report received wide publicity right after it was made public.

The Dowd order asking the Finance Commission to furnish the were "absolutely useless."

The armory order called on Mayor Curley to ask Governor Ely to permit the use of all state armories located in Boston as unemployed dormitories.

The Dowd order asking the Finance Commission to furnish the council a copy of its city meat price records for the dates cited calls for names of concerns, amounts of money they were paid and prices quoted to the city for meats.

Dowd said it was hard to get this information from the purchasing department; that he asked for it three weeks ago but had not received it, hence his resort to the Finance Commission.

AMERICAN 12/8/31

## COURT COST IS PUT UP TO ELY

Mayor James M. Curley and Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman conferred with Governor Joseph B. Ely today about maintenance costs of the proposed \$5,000,000 addition to Suffolk County courthouse, authorized by the last Legislature.

The mayor told the Governor the State should pay 30 per cent of \$130,000 yearly. The Governor told the mayor that if the State occupies a part of the building, as at present, it should pay some portion of the costs of maintenance, but he didn't know how much. He said he would ask for figures and study the subject.

Under the legislation passed last year the city is to pay 70 per cent of the cost of constructing the addition and the State the remainder.

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## PRAISES TAX APPEAL BOARD

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GLOBE 12/8/31

## PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT BUREAU IS CUT

### Dowd's Motion Reduces \$10,000 Order to \$3000

The City Council in executive session yesterday on an order calling for \$10,000 for the Public Employment Bureau cut it to \$5000 and when up for passage was amended on motion of Councillor Dowd to \$3000. The Roxbury Councillor said he was informed by the Council Commission the overhead was \$600 a week and in Mr Dowd's opinion \$3000 was ample for the remainder of the year.

There did not appear to be strong support for the activities of the Employment Bureau and when Councillor Dowd recommended his amendment of \$3000, he declared that beginning the new year he would never vote for another penny for the bureau and would seek to have the bureau abolished. He claimed it costs \$35,000 a year.

Councillor Wilson offered an order which passed, calling upon the trustees of the Boston City Hospital to inform the City Council the name of the technician in attendance on David Pendergast of Dorchester, during the taking of X-rays on Jan 6, 1931.

### Fireman Reimbursed

According to Mr Wilson, Pendergast was being X-rayed for hip trouble and when told to get up from the table his head struck overhanging apparatus which, said the Councillor, should have been removed. Pendergast had but one good eye before the accident and since then has been blind.

The Law Department disapproved a claim for damages. Just before the Wilson order, Councillor Bush introduced an order which passed calling for reimbursement of \$1750 to a Boston fireman. The latter was driving a truck, struck a person on the highway, and the jury assessed the damages against the fireman.

Councillor Wilson took the view that if reimbursement is made to an alleged negligent fireman, that something should be done, even if it be special legislation for Pendergast.

Councillor Dowd offered several orders which passed. He wants Gov Ely to open the State armories on Berkeley, Dartmouth and West Newton sts to the unemployed; the Legislative Committee of the Council to file a bill to abolish the Public Welfare Board and name a paid commissioner and two paid deputy commissioners; for Mayor Curley to call upon Gov Ely to request Bank Commissioner Guy to pay a dividend before Christmas to depositors in the Industrial Bank & Trust Company; for the Finance Commission to provide the Council with reports made to Mayor Curley regarding the garbage contract and also for the Finance Commission to supply the Council names of meat dealers and the amount of business done with the city.

### Traffic Lights

But \$83,000 of an appropriation of \$125,000 for traffic lights on Massachusetts av from Tremont st to Harvard Bridge was used and the Council yesterday passed a rescission order for the balance.



### Santason Calls on Mayor Curley

Mayor's Son George Receives Christmas Present and Takes Great Delight in the Antics of "Moxo" and His Dog from the Jordan Marsh Company Store

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## CURLEY STATE GRANGE SPEAKER

### Welcomes Delegates and Tells of Steps to Stop Milk War

Speaking in a welcome to the 1200 delegates to the 49th annual session of the Massachusetts State Grange, opening today at the Hotel Bradford, Mayor Curley pledged his support to the farmer and stated that he had already taken steps to put an end to the present price-cutting among milk dealers.

The mayor was introduced by Henry S. Jenks, master of the Massachusetts State Grange. A response to his welcome was delivered by Worthy Overseer Samuel T. Brightman. Further welcome to the delegates was extended by John Cameron, master of the Metropolitan Pomona grange. Mrs. Margaret A. Carre, worthy lecturer, followed Cameron.

The afternoon session of the convention was taken up with reports from the various grange officials. State Master Jenks agreed with the sentiments expressed by Mayor Curley and explained the work being done by a special milk committee under Harvey Turner, president of the Massachusetts Dairymen's Association. Jenks went on to outline the work of the grange during the past year and proposed as a motto for 1932, "organization and a net gain in membership."

The meeting will continue through Thursday.

## ELY AND CURLEY TALK COURTHOUSE

A conference for the purpose of discussing the division of the maintenance expense of the new \$5,000,000 courthouse for Suffolk county was held with Gov. Ely today by Mayor Curley and Corporation Counsel Silverman.

The mayor said in view of the fact that the supreme court and the land court are to occupy part of the new structure, the state should pay part of the cost, and he believed the division should be 30 per cent. for the state and 70 per cent. for the city. The mayor estimated it would cost \$400,000 a year to run the courthouse. The Governor said he did not know what share of the cost the state should pay. The mayor promised to furnish further data.



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**For Worthy Cause!** Reinald Werrenrath, left, America's foremost baritone, who appeared with the Civic Symphony Orchestra in first of a series of Sunday evening concerts for the aid of Mayor Curley's fund for undernourished children, is shown being greeted by Mayor Curley following last night's performance.

AMERICAN 12/8/31

## Christmas Joy and Duty

### Hoarding Never Restores Prosperity

Governor Ely and Mayor Curley have issued proclamations urging the public to pursue a normal Christmas this year.

Christmas has been for 2000 years the time of peace on earth to men of goodwill.

We buy and we give.

We intend, in normal times, to bestow happiness upon our families and upon others.

Hoarding has never restored prosperity.

Many people, with fixed salaries and income, are in a stronger position than ever before, their ability to buy enhanced by the low-price market.

Our job and station in life are dependent upon the buying power of others, just as their jobs and income depend upon what we spend.

So, let us buy this Christmas the things we buy in normal times.

We will be bringing happiness to others in this time of peace on earth.

And we will be making the economic position secure not only of others but of ourselves as well.

Let us begin today for a Merry Christmas for all.

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## CURLEY TELLS GRANGE PLAN WILL FAIL

Lays Price War to Scheme to Grab Business to the Ultimate Injury of Farmer

An attempt by a national milk company to get a monopoly on the milk business in New England was charged today by Mayor Curley.

This, he declared, is the reason for the succession of milk price reductions, which have lowered the price of milk to the 1917 level.

Mayor Curley, addressing the opening session of the 52d annual convention of the Massachusetts State Grange at the Hotel Bradford, stated that such an attempt would be frustrated before it got under way.

"A nationally known dairy products company, through its representative here," the mayor said, "is attempting to obtain a monopoly on the milk business by threatening the milk companies with outside competition if they don't reduce their prices."

### BARS COMPANY HERE

"I ordered the Board of Health today not to allow a certain company to sell milk in this city. This company is the opening wedge in the fight to bring the chain stores, which supply a large portion of our citizens with milk, into line with their plan."

"My weapon in stopping this outrageous attempt to force our milk companies out of business is the fact that only milk approved by the Boston Board of Health can be sold here."

"The idea these people have is to allow the people to have a good time for the present with the enforced reduction in price, and then step in, capture the industry, and make their own prices."

### OTHERS TRIED, FAILED

"The dairy products company referred to has stated through its local representative that it did not care what the board of health did here. Well, it will find it resting peacefully with all the others that have tried to defy the board in the past, if it insists in carrying out the present plan."

The Grange convention will continue for three days, with morning and afternoon sessions.

## CURLEY ASKS SPEED ON SCHOOL PROJECT

### Council Urged to Facilitate Girl's High Building

Mayor Curley yesterday urged the city council to facilitate the erection of the proposed high school for girls in the Grove Hall district of Dorchester, by passing a loan order of \$920,000, and nurturing the hope that another high school will be built within the next two years in the central section of Dorchester.

Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the finance commission concurred with the mayor's opinion, but vigorously set forth that the school committee should provide accommodations for the intermediate school pupils throughout the city before any additional high school construction is started.

During the conference, which was attended by Dr. Joseph V. Lyons, W. Arthur Reilly and Francis C. Gray of the school committee, the mayor repeatedly asserted that it will be a long time before any new central girls' high school is built to replace the present

structure on West Newton street. Mr. Gray, who will retire as a school committeeman in three weeks, has, with a colleague, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Pigeon, been a persistent advocate of the erection of a new central high school for girls.

In protracted discussion of high school needs, Mayor Curley declared it to be inevitable that new buildings must be erected in the central part of Dorchester and in West Roxbury and he took the attitude that the proposed building in Grove Hall should be built without delay in order to provide accommodations for hundreds of Dorchester and Roxbury pupils who are now forced to attend classes outside their home districts.

Committeeman Reilly made known that there is an overflow of 1400 pupils in Memorial high school, Roxbury, and that a pressing demand exists for a new school for which the Grove Hall site is available.

He agreed with Dr. Lyons that provision should be made to meet the high school needs of Dorchester. A suggestion of Lyons that the school committee immediately move to provide funds for land and plans for a school in the centre of Dorchester was frowned on by Gray, who argued that the incoming committee should be permitted to solve its own problems.

The council will again consider the loan order next Monday and unless there is a shifting of votes, the decision will be favorable to the Grove Hall site.

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The councillor declared that the man had been summoned to the hospital for an X-ray picture of a fractured leg which he had sustained about two years ago and which had been treated at the hospital. The X-ray was taken on Jan. 6 of this year, and from then until April 20 he was obliged to remain at the hospital in a fruitless effort to save his sight.

Report of the hospital officials contended that the patient upon being ordered by the interne to take off his shoe for the X-ray, sat up and struck his eye out before the attendant could reach to help him.

## DIFFER ON EXISTENCE OF STRIKE

### Labor Man Says It Is On, Transit Head Denies

While representatives of building trades crafts announced yesterday that a strike has been called on the new East Boston tunnel job at East Boston, executives of the Boston Transit Commission declare that there has been no stoppage of work at the tunnel through a strike.

#### CLAIMS STRIKE ON

Edwin E. Graves, business agent of the Building Trades Council of Boston and vicinity, declared that more than 100 skilled mechanics, composed of engineers, electricians and compressed air workers, went on strike yesterday, and that about the same number, who make up the early night shift, also declared themselves on strike, with the committee prepared to pull out the early morning shift of about the same number of men.

According to labor leaders, every union mechanic responded to the strike call with the exception of the carpenters, who are not affiliated with the trades council, because of the failure of the contractors to pay the prevailing rates of wages.

Colonel Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston Transit Commission, declared last evening that there was no stoppage of work at the tunnel through a strike, and, as far as the engineers could ascertain, no strike had taken place. He went onto say that if there was no more truth in the strike story than in the one as to the number of men said to have walked out, then it is untrue, as the entire working force of skilled mechanics and unskilled laborers number fewer than the total of skilled workers said to have struck the job.

Colonel Sullivan, when asked if the men who started on the 4 p. m. shift yesterday were the same men who had worked on that same shift the night before, declared that his engineers did not give him that information, merely stating that the number of men for whom work was available had started on time. He pointed out that he did not keep tabs on the personal workers, as between 300 and 700 men are always waiting about the gates to the office for work, and if anybody walked off the job, another man was walking on before the man leaving could get around the nearest corner.

Reports that a detail of 30 policemen had been placed on duty in the vicinity of the tunnel job was denied at the East Boston police station. The officer in charge there stated that two extra men had been sent to the tunnel when a report reached the station house that some difference existed among the workers.

SPS. OVER WAGES.



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12/8/31

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## VEHICULAR TUNNEL STRIKE IS DENIED

### Col Sullivan Replies to "Walkout" Statement

Differences of opinion exist between the leaders of the Building Trades' Council for Boston and vicinity and the executives of the Boston Transit Commission, as to whether there is a strike at the new East Boston vehicular tunnel job at East Boston.

Edwin E. Graves, general agent for the unions, said that more than 100 skilled mechanics made up of engineers, electricians and compressed air workers walked out yesterday morning and that the same number making up the early night shift also declared themselves on strike, with the committee prepared to pull out the early morning shift of about the same number.

It was said by the labor leaders that every union mechanic except members of the carpenters' union, responded to the strike order which was made necessary by the failure of the contractors to pay the prevailing wages.

On the other hand, Col Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston Transit Commission, last evening said there was no stoppage of work at the tunnel through a strike, and as far as his engineers could learn, no strike had taken place. He further said that if there was no more truth in the strike story than there was in the number of men who "walked out," then it was untrue, as the entire working force of skilled mechanics and unskilled laborers were fewer than the total of skilled workers announced.

Whereas union leaders said that a special strike detail of 30 policemen had been placed on duty in the vicinity of the tunnel job, it was said at the East Boston police station that only two extra men had been sent to the tunnel after a report that differences existed among the workers over wages.

When asked if the men who started to work at 4 p m yesterday were the same men who had worked the same shift the night before, Col Sullivan said his engineers did not give him that information as all they said was that the number of men, for whom work was available, had started on time.

He further said that he did not keep tabs on the workers, as between 500 and 700 men are always waiting for work at the gates to the office and if anybody walked off the job another man was walking on before the man leaving could get around the nearest corner.

## Mayor Charges Dairy Co. with Price Cutting

### Curley Tells Grange Milk Was Cut to Five Cents by Fear of N. Y. Competition

Charging that the National Dairy Products Company has forced down the price of milk by threatening New England milk producers with New York milk at a still lower price, Mayor Curley told 1000 members of the Massachusetts State Grange today that he has ordered the city's health department to exclude New York milk from the market here.

The mayor's remarks were challenged this afternoon by Joseph Willmann, a director of the Whiting Milk Companies, who declared that the New England Milk Producers' Association had already lowered the price of milk, elsewhere in the State, and that any question as to why the reduction had been made should be directed to that organization. He stated also that no financial connection whatsoever exists between the Whiting Company and the National Dairy Products Company.

"The National Dairy Products Company," said the mayor, addressing the opening sessions of the Grange's fifty-ninth annual convention at the Hotel Bradford, "a new institution, wants supreme control in this territory. They give us milk at less than the cost of production in order to drive somebody out. And when that has happened, we'll pay the penalty permanently."

Mayor Curley said that the reduction to five cents a quart made Saturday by the New England Milk Producers' Association was the result of notification by the Whiting company that it would sell milk from the Sheffield Farms Company of New York at a price under five cents unless the locals would lower their price to that figure.

"I have notified the city's board of health that we will not allow the Sheffield creameries' milk to come into Boston and be sold," he said. "Milk sold here will be only from dairies subject to Boston inspection."

The mayor praised the chain stores here as "selling pure, New England-produced milk," and said that if they are "driven out," the consequences would be bad for Boston.

#### Mr. Willmann's Statement

Mr. Willmann's statement was as follows:

"The New England Milk Producers' Association established a price of 5 cents a quart in Springfield, two weeks ago. Boston simply followed Springfield. The party to tell why the price was cut in Springfield is the New England Milk Producers' Association—the farmers themselves.

"If Mayor Curley wishes to make statements that we are not concerned with the Board of Health, if he happens to refer to me, then I want to say that the rules and regulations enforced in all cities of the United States have been principally the result of my own personal work in sanitary treatment of the product.

"Cream, according to a Supreme Court decision in this State, is milk, and is being stripped in from various States. If the board of health wishes good business for New England farmers, then

Mayor Curley should give orders to insist that cream come from New England, either for the manufacture of ice cream or for direct consumption. That would take care of every drop of milk produced in New England. There would not be enough.

"The Whiting Milk Company is absolutely independent. It has nothing to do financially with the National Dairy Products Company. There are other independent units in Boston larger than Whiting. Conditions in Boston are entirely due to unfortunate defects which we are trying to work out with our farmer group."

## HERALD 12/8/31 STRIKE ON TUNNEL ANNOUNCED, DENIED

### Conflicting Statements at East Boston

A strike on the East Boston tunnel work was announced yesterday by the Building Trades Council of Boston and vicinity, and promptly denied at the Boston transit commission offices.

Edwin E. Graves, general agent for the Building Trades Council, was authority for the announcement that the entire day shift, approximately 100 men, upward of 90 per cent. compressed air or caisson workers and the remainder engineers and electricians connected with the compressed air work, had been called out early yesterday morning, and that the night shift, about equal in number, had been called out at 4:30 P. M., while the late night or early morning shift of equal strength would strike when the time came for it to go to work.

According to the Building Trades announcement, every union mechanic except the carpenters had responded to the strike order.

The strike, General Agent Graves said, was because of the failure of the contractors to pay the wage rate prevailing in Boston, and their employment of non-union men and men from outside the state.

Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston transit commission, said last evening that so far as his engineers supervising the job could ascertain there was no strike on the tunnel job. He also said that there were not as many skilled mechanics and laborers employed on the job as the unions gave as the number of skilled workers who had struck. He declared that there had been no stoppage of work on the project, for which, he said, plenty of help was available. Whether the men who went on shift at 4:30 P. M. yesterday were the same men who had worked the corresponding shift the previous night, he was unable to say, as he said that from 500 to 700 men are always about the headquarters of the job in East Boston, seeking work. and if one man or many quit work there were others ready to fill all the vacant places.

A report that 30 extra policemen had been detailed to guard the workers and the property at East Boston, was denied at the East Boston police station. Two extra men, it was said, had been sent to the tunnel when it was reported at the station that some dispute had arisen about wages.

## AMERICAN 12/9/31 CURLEY GUARDS BOSTON IN MILK WAR

### Orders Health Commissioner to Ban All Coming From Beyond Inspected Area

Battle for supremacy in the New England "milk war," being waged between outside interests and local milk producers, continued today.

Mayor Curley, backing up his assertion of yesterday that milk producers here would be protected, ordered Health Commissioner Mahoney to instruct milk dealers that only milk passed by the board can be sold here.

Violation of this edict will result in the immediate revocation of the dealer's license.

Meanwhile, in Springfield, the superintendent of a milk company named by Mayor Curley as the local representative "of a national milk association seeking control of the market here" gave the lie to the mayor's statements.

William F. Willmann, the milk company's superintendent, told the dealers and producers in Springfield that the blame for the reduction in the price of milk rests solely on the shoulders of the New England producers.

"The party to tell why the price was cut in Springfield is the New England Producers' Association—the farmers themselves," said Willmann.

In support of his action in instructing Commissioner Mahoney to warn local dealers, Mayor Curley said:

"The reduction in the price of milk has caused great apprehension that the consumers of Boston will be supplied with an inferior grade of milk, due to the fact that in all probability such milk will be procured outside of New England and will be uninspected by health officials of the city.

"If such milk is delivered to the families of Boston untold harm and injury may result, with the possibility of an epidemic."



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## MAYOR ON WAY TO WASHINGTON

### Seeks Improvements for Boston Harbor

Mayor Curley, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary Curley, Thomas J. A. Johnson of the Boston Port Authority Board and a brace of secretaries, left the Back Bay station last night at 8 o'clock on the Federal Express, bound for Washington, where he will make a drive during the next couple of days to obtain harbor improvements for Boston, and presidential ballots for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

The Mayor will appear officially in

Washington as a delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in which he will seek support for the widening of the Cape Cod Canal and the development of the steamship channels of the harbor here.

To prepare the way for the campaign to induce Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to develop the port, Manager Frank S. Davis of the Maritime Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce preceded the Mayor to Washington.

### CLUBWOMEN TO HEAR MAYOR CURLEY TOMORROW

"Women's Clubs as a Civic Asset" is the topic of a speech to be given by Mayor Curley tomorrow morning at the opening session of the conference of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, Fourth and Sixth Districts, in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler.

The 85 clubs to be represented are located in Allston, Brookline, Brighton, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and Roxbury for the fourth district and Boston proper and South Boston for the fifth.

Edward A. Filene will speak on "Mass Production and the Consumer's Dollar." Other speakers will include Mrs. Carl L. Schrader, State president; Mrs. Edward McDowell of Peterboro, N. H., and Mrs. Walter H. Woods.

### URGES WOMEN TO HELP RESTORE PORT

Ex-Congressman Peter Tague urged club women of Boston to use their strength, enthusiasm and energies to bring back the port of Boston to its former prestige and importance in world trade at a meeting yesterday of the 85 clubs of the Fourth and Sixth Districts of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs which was held at the Hotel Statler.

Edward A. Filene was the afternoon speaker and spoke on "Mass Production and the Consumer's Dollar." He urged the necessity of spending 85 cents of every dollar earned on living expenses and the other 35 cents on the extras of happy living.

## BOSTON HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

### Mayor Proposes Four to Members of Congress

By CHARLES S. GROVES  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Mayor James M. Curley presented to members of the Massachusetts delegation in Congress, at a luncheon given by Senator Walsh here today, a program of port requirements of the city. This program is described as suggesting improvements for which assistance can properly be requested through the Congressional committees on Rivers and Harbors, and is sponsored by the Boston Port Authority.

It includes:

1. The removal of the lower middle ground shoal adjacent to the main ship channel between Goernors Island and President Roads, the object being to enlarge the present anchorage area in the inner harbor and remove a menace to navigation;

2. Removal of the ledge off the end of the army base and also removal of certain obstructions at that point, the area to be dragged, obstructions found and destroyed, and a channel to the depth of 40 feet at mean low water dredged between the main ship channel and the army base.

3. Widen and deepen Weymouth Fore River from Hingham Bay to Weymouth Fore River bridge.

4. Deepen the main ship channel from President Roads to some point above Commonwealth Pier in the upper harbor to a depth of 40 feet at mean low water.

In the Rivers and Harbors bill, as passed by Congress in June, 1930, provision was made for a preliminary examination and survey of Boston Harbor as a whole, and of Weymouth Fore River from Hingham Bay to the Weymouth Fore River bridge. This survey has been completed and a report on it by the army engineers is pending.

## GRANGE FAVORS CURLEY STAND

Mayors of all Massachusetts cities would be asked to take Mayor Curley's stand in prohibiting importation of milk not under the inspection of local boards of health according to a proposal made today by the State Grange Committee on Legislation.

This committee also recommended increased appropriations for the cure of bovine tuberculosis.

Rep. Winfred Powers of Granby submitted the report. The Grange convention closed today with the installation of officers by Charles M. Gardner, of South Newbury, N. H., high priest.

Mayor Curley made his suggestion in an address to the Grange Tuesday. He followed it with an official order affecting all Boston milk dealers.

attitude of the farmer toward the small milk dealer. Describing the activities of financially irresponsible dealers who "cheat farmers who supply them with milk," the report suggests that the State require all milk dealers to give bond as protection to the farmers. The report also urges that the State "act as an advertising agent to encourage consumption of milk."

This year "marks the most serious loss in grange membership for half a century," the secretary reported. But the grange in Massachusetts still claims membership of 47,282. Though the adult membership fell off by 1349 in a year of hard times, the new juvenile granges have half again as large a membership as a year ago.

Gov. Ely, Ex-Gov. Brewster of Maine, Commissioner Payson Smith of the State Department of Education and Pres. Roscoe W. Thatcher of the State College are scheduled to address the second session today.

### Report on Educational Work

At the evening session in the Hotel Bradford the reports of the trustees of the educational aid fund and the home economics committee were read and a program of musical entertainment was presented by Metropolitan Pomona Grange.

The report of Evan F. Richardson of Millis revealed that members of the Granges in this State contributed more than \$15,000 to the educational aid fund in 1931. The fund now amounts to more than \$80,000. In the past 20 years, 11,020 worthy students have been assisted through college by loans from this fund.

The home economics report given by Mrs. Edgar H. Chandler of Needham revealed that a large proportion of the work of these committees in subordinate Granges had been directed toward the relief of conditions brought about by the depression.

She reported that five new juvenile Granges had been organized, and stated that others would be formed soon.

## MAKES APPEAL FOR VETS' FUND

### Object is Gifts for 3400 Confined in Hospitals

In a public statement issued last night Mayor Curley appealed to the residents of Boston to contribute to the fund being raised by the disabled veterans Christmas remembrance committee to provide presents for the 3400 war veterans confined to the hospitals in Massachusetts.

Each of the disabled patients will be presented with a stocking filled with presents, the Mayor explained, provided the public responds to the appeal and sends contributions to Treasurer James J. Phelan of the fund at 60 Congress street. Each stocking will cost \$2.50.

# CURLEY FORBIDS SALE OF UNINSPECTED MILK

## Mayor Tells Delegates of Grange New York Interests Are Behind Present Price War Slashing

An embargo against Western milk and cream, to be enforced by health edict, is the answer that the Massachusetts Grange would invoke in the crisis created for the dairy industry here by the lowest milk price in 20 years.

Complaining of a mounting flood of Western cream from uninspected sources on the Boston market, and of threats to bring in outside milk to enforce price cuts on local farmers, the Grange with its 47,000 rural members will ask State legislation to require inspection by local authorities of all milk for Bay State markets.

Such a regulation would automatically eliminate the 5,400,000 quarts of cream a year which the Grangers' dairy committee report is brought to Boston from uninspected dairies as far off as Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky and Missouri.

### Blame Western Imports

For this rapidly increasing volume of Western cream, together with the mounting stream of Northern New England milk, the Bay State dairymen blame the sharp reduction both in demand and in price for Bay State milk in the Boston market.

A study of the local dairy problem presented to the Grange at the opening session of its State convention in the Bradford Hotel yesterday shows that both the volume of Massachusetts milk and the price paid for it have been cut in halves since 1921, while Vermont milk for the Boston market has doubled in volume and Western cream has come up from 1 percent to 26 percent of the entire supply.

For failure of the Vermont creameries to cooperate with the New England Milk Producers' Association in a central marketing agency, and failure of State and local authorities to regulate importation of distant cream, the Grange committee blames the fact that milk prices have fallen since last week to the lowest level since 1911.

### Curley Tells of Action

Actual returns to the farmer in some cases are as little as 2 cents a quart, their committee reports, while dealers still maintain a 5-cent margin between the price paid the farmer and the customer's price.

But the 1000 Grange delegates heard another explanation yesterday, when Mayor Curley addressing them, de-

clared that the last out in the milk price had been forced on the local dairymen by a dealer's threat to bring in New York milk. Curley declared that the forced cut was a deliberate plan of a national distributing corporation to force the chain store out of the milk business and to control the New England milk situation.

Curley—greeted with tremendous applause by the rural delegates, as he gave them an inside version of the milk war—declared that he would frustrate any attempt to bring in New York State milk to Boston. He had instructed the City Health Department, he said, to keep out all milk not subject to the local inspectors. The city health inspectors have confined their inspecting to the New England milk shed.

"We in Boston would like to get milk for nothing," Curley said. "We are getting it for nothing as far as the farmer is concerned, and it looks as if we would get a premium with it. There are forces seeking to get supreme control of the milk situation in this territory who will give us milk below cost to drive somebody out. Then we would pay through the nose, permanently. But we aren't going to do it. I don't propose that the chain stores shall be driven out of the milk business in Boston."

"So I instructed the Health Department that we shall not allow milk from outside New England to be sold here."

### Promises to Support Grange

"We are not going to have any milk sold here that is not subject to the inspection of the city. We are with you in this fight for a fair price for milk, both for your sake and for our own. The New England Milk Producers' Association was told Saturday by the local representative of a great national distributing corporation that the milk price would be five cents to the farmer for milk delivered in Boston or else that his system would bring in milk from New York. But they won't bring it in. We won't allow it."

A New England Milk Producers' Association official said after the Mayor's speech that such a stand, if announced from City Hall last Saturday, might have prevented the reduction in farmers' price from six to five cents.

Mr Curley was escorted into the sixth degree session of the grange, and ushered into the presence of the State Master, Henry N. Jenks of Cheshire, by former State Master Leslie R. Smith of Hadley.

The convention greeted the Mayor

politely, but did not interrupt with applause until he reached his attack upon the milk distributors. He spent most of his address on a description of his efforts to persuade President Hoover to support of a \$2,000,000,000 Mississippi Valley flood control and power development program, as an anti-depression measure.

The Grange discussion of the dairy situation brought out the fact that the State Commission on the milk situation will ask legislation to secure under State auspices inspection of all dairies supplying local markets.

The Grangers urge that such inspection be carried on as an economic measure, under the State Department of Agriculture, instead of in the State Health Department.

The Grange Dairy Committee also recommends that the present function of testing of cattle for tuberculosis infection be transferred to the Department of Agriculture from the Animal Industry Division of the Conservation Department.

The Grangers have opposed the development of public health regulation of milk supplies and in earlier years have also opposed the testing of cattle.

Public opinion has brought them into line on the testing question. Their dairy committee report urges increased State funds for this work. "Today it is almost impossible to sell milk from untested cows," the report states.

Dairying is set forth as the third industry of Massachusetts, led only by cotton and shoes, in the report. The industry is described as embracing 17,747 dairy farms employing 52,176 hands with a \$40,000,000 annual payroll.

### Trace Decline in Demand

The decline in demand for local milk in the last 10 years is graphically stated. In 1921 Massachusetts farms shipped 12,000,000 quarts of milk to the Boston market. Last year only 7,000,000 quarts. Vermont, meantime, increased its Boston sale from the 64,000,000 quarts of 1921 to 139,000,000 last year. New Hampshire had increased its Boston sales by a third in 10 years, to reach 1,000,000 quarts a year.

"It is obvious that we are fast losing our milk market," the committee reported.

Tracing the price cutting on milk, from the 9 cents paid the farmer for milk delivered in Boston last December to the 5 cent price established Saturday, the report states that each cent a quart costs New England dairymen \$750,000 a month.

"Because the creameries of Northern New England were not ready to cooperate," the grange committee reported, efforts made during the year failed to organize a central sales agency, to put the price of milk back where it belonged.

The first Western shipments of cream came only in 1925 and were then only 1 percent of the Boston cream supply, the report states, but the Western imports have doubled each year.

### Exempt Cream for Manufacture

The legislation recommended would require all cream from outside the State to meet the same inspection as the local product, except for cream "for manufacturing purposes." This exemption is understood to include cream for making ice cream, candy and butter and cheese.

A radical piece of legislation suggested by the committee indicates the



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# PUTS CHECK ON OUTSIDE MILK TO HUB

## Mayor Acts Against Flow From Beyond New England

Drastic action by Mayor Curley, last night, in a special order to Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, city health commissioner, killed all chance of a flood of milk from outside New England being poured into Boston by the trainload as the next step in the milk war which has lowered retail prices radically this month.

Prices to the consumers will probably remain at their present level of 10 cents delivered, and eight cents over the counters of the chain stores, for the next few days, according to Harry L. Piper, spokesman for the New England Milk Producers' Association. The next important move, in his belief, will come from the chain store organizations.

### NOTICE TO DEALERS

In his order, the Mayor directed Dr. Mahoney to issue the following notice to all dealers licensed to sell milk in Boston:

"The Boston Health Commissioner forbids any dealer to bring into Boston for purposes of sale any milk not the product of dairies now inspected and approved by the Boston Health Department, as required by the rules and regulations of the Health Commissioner of Boston. Violation of this rule or regulation will result in immediate revocation of license to sell milk in Boston."

Earlier in the day, addressing nearly 1200 members of the State Grange, starting their 59th annual convention, in the ballroom of the Hotel Bradford, Mayor Curley charged that fear of price-cutting New York competition started the Boston milk war, and he declared that an outside organization was trying to force its way into control of this milk market.

### Two Kinds of Competition

His order to the health commissioner, who has the power to issue milk licenses in an emergency, or to revoke licenses for violation, followed his address to the Grange.

In commenting upon the city's action, Piper said this was acceptable to his association and that there would in all probability be no further change in the retail price of milk in Boston for the next few days.

"There are two kinds of competition

here," he said. "There is the competition between the New England Milk Producers' Association and the Vermont Co-operative Creameries, both of which are already in the Boston market, and there is the competition of the New York milk producers who want to get in."

### Offer Recommendations

He pointed with satisfaction to the fact that the fear of cheap outside milk coming onto the Boston market is now removed. What action the scheduled meeting today of Vermont co-operatives is expected to take was not revealed.

At the meeting of the Grangers, Harvey Turner of Andover, chairman of the special dairy committee of the Massachusetts State Grange, offered three recommendations for generally clarifying the milk situation, and they were accepted. They are:

That the State Grange urge the adoption of a uniform system of dairy inspection.

That the Grange use its influence toward continuation of the bovine tuberculosis eradication work.

## FIREMEN AID UNEMPLOYED

### Give \$5000 From Their Pay Toward Relief

Boston's firemen yesterday took \$5000 out of their pay envelopes as a voluntary contribution toward the relief of the city's jobless during the winter, and announced that they would make similar donations for December, January, February, March and April.

The big bag of cash was carried to City Hall by Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin, who turned it in to the city collecting department for distribution among the unemployed by the city overseers of public welfare.

## EXPECTS AGREEMENT ON COURTHOUSE COST

Mayor Curley and Corporation Counsel Silverman called on Governor Ely yesterday in an effort to persuade the Governor to agree to an apportionment of the cost of maintaining the proposed new Suffolk County Court House on a basis under which the City of Boston would pay 70 per cent and the State 30 per cent.

The estimated annual maintenance cost, according to the Mayor, will be \$400,000.

After a 15-minutes discussion of the matter, the Mayor expressed the opinion that the Governor would agree to the apportionment, and that the data to substantiate his claim as to the relative use of the court house by the State and county courts will be sent forward within a day or two.

Governor Ely said at the conclusion of the meeting that he had reached no decision as to just what proportion the State should pay.

## Curley at Capital for Conferences

Mayor Curley, accompanied by his daughter, Mary, a secretary, John A. Sullivan, and Thomas J. A. Johnson, member of the Port Authority, left for Washington last night to attend the closing session of the Rivers and Waterways Congress and to confer with prominent Democratic members of Congress on the status of the presidential candidacy of Governor Roosevelt. He will be absent until Friday.

A few days ago the mayor announced that he was seriously considering a speaking tour through the West as far as San Francisco in the interests of the Roosevelt candidacy, thus giving up his customary vacation in the South. This speaking tour will largely depend upon the reports he receives from the sections he has desired to visit. The Roosevelt drive is scheduled to start in January.

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## Curley Orders New York Milk Barred in Hub

State and city officials yesterday took official cognizance of the milk price war when Mayor Curley and Agricultural Commissioner Gilbert issued statements—Mayor Curley charging one dairy company with cutting prices out of fear of New York competition; Comm'r Gilbert urged protection for Massachusetts farmers by using a seal to identify their milk from the imported commodity.

Store prices were quoted at eight cents a quart and home delivered at 10 cents the quart yesterday in Greater Boston.

That New England milk producers have been threatened by New York dairymen with milk at a cut price to get the control of the business in this State is the substance of the mayor's allegations.

He announced he had the city health department to exclude New York milk from sale in this city.

Comm'r. Gilbert would have mid-state and western Massachusetts milk farmers place seals on their milk so consumers might purchase the home product instead of the supplies here by outside-of-the-state routes.

## Firemen's 1st Month's Aid to Jobless, \$5000

The fire department's first month's contribution of \$5000, in response to Mayor Curley's unemployed appeal, was deposited with the city collector yesterday by the fire commissioner.



## Mayor Finds Girl for Western Romeo Who Seeks Home by Ocean, and Wife

Yearning for a home on the shores of the tossing Atlantic and a woman who can "play the piano a little bit," a retired attorney in the middle West has written the office of the mayor of Boston for help—and received it.

This was revealed by Mayor Curley yesterday in an address to the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion in the home of Mrs. Wilmot R. Evans, 28 Chestnut street.

The mayor said an unemployed Boston stenographer, about 35, with the blue eyes, dark hair and pleasing personality which the lonesome westerner described as essential, and who can do "a little

bit" with the piano keys, has written him, "Bring on your western Romeo."

Shortly after receiving the letter from the westerner, the stenographer applied to Mayor Curley for a position. The mayor noted that she fitted the westerner's specifications, cleared up the matter of the piano playing, and told her of the man who desired to live by the sea as his parents had done and to meet a woman like his first wife.

She departed after a decision to consider the matter. Recently she wrote that she is still unable to find work and wishes to meet the retired attorney. Mayor Curley is awaiting the arrival of the westerner in Boston.

## CURLEY TO CONFER WITH PARTY CHIEFS

Goes to Capital in Interest of  
Roosevelt Candidacy

A desire to gain first-hand information of the national political situation inspired Mayor Curley's trip to Washington, where he plans to remain until Friday night.

He left last night with Miss Mary Curley, Thomas J. A. Johnson of the port authority, and a secretary, John A. Sullivan. Ostensibly his mission is to attend the closing sessions of the rivers and waterways Congress today, but the chance to discuss the status of the presidential candidacy of Gov. Roosevelt with Democrats from all parts of the country is the magnet which drew the mayor to the capital.

He is seriously considering a speaking tour in behalf of Roosevelt, to which he may devote a month shortly after New Year's. His decision will probably be guided by the information he gathers during conferences with Democratic members of Congress with whom he has maintained friendship formed during his service with them.

The Roosevelt drive is scheduled to be launched in January and the mayor will be one of the conspicuous participants. He has indicated a willingness to forego his customary winter vacation in Florida to do pre-primary speaking for the Governor and unless conditions arise which force a change in his tentative plans, he may cross the continent, stopping daily en route to preach the Roosevelt gospel in the principal American cities.

In explanation of the abandonment by the committee of 1000 Democratic and Progressive women of New York, of the dinner in that city, Dec. 21, at which Mayor Curley is to be one of the principal speakers, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Edwards, chairman, informed him yesterday that a new date will be set for the latter part of January.

## CURLEY TO SUBMIT COURTHOUSE DATA

Thinks State Should Bear 30  
Per Cent. of the Cost  
Of Maintenance

Mayor Curley agreed to submit to Gov. Ely all available data on the maintenance costs that will be required for the operation of the proposed \$5,000,000 Suffolk county courthouse so that an equitable agreement may be reached between the city and the state in supporting the building in the event it is constructed.

The mayor believes the cost should be apportioned so that 70 per cent. would be borne by the city and 30 per cent. by the state because of the facilities that will be offered for the supreme court and the land court which would occupy quarters in it.

Under the terms of the act authorizing the erection of the building the cost of construction would be apportioned on the same 70-30 basis but it has not yet been accepted by the Boston city council and Mayor Curley indicated yesterday that it will not be accepted unless he receives some assurance that the state will assume its share of the maintenance.

The mayor and the Governor discussed the costs at an extended conference also attended by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman. There seemed to have been some misunderstanding between the participants at its conclusion because the mayor said the Governor had agreed that a 70-30 apportionment of maintenance would be equitable, while the Governor subsequently said that he was not prepared to estimate what share the state should assume.

## TRANSCRIPT 12/9/31 Firemen Give \$5000 for the Unemployed

On behalf of the members of the Boston fire department, Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin deposited with the city collector yesterday \$5000 to be expended by the overseers of Public Welfare for the relief of the unemployed and needy.

This deposit is the first month's contribution in response to Mayor Curley's appeal, and represents, in the words of the commissioner, "personal and individual sacrifice on the part of the employees." "Every cent is a voluntary contribution out of the private earnings of each contributor and represents on his part the sacrifice of some luxury he might enjoy, or necessity which he feels he can forego to bring relief to his less fortunate fellow-citizens during this period of depression and unemployment. Contributions will continue for six months."

Commissioner McLaughlin acknowledges the contribution of the members of the department, amounting to \$247.10, to the 1931 appeal of the Salvation Army. "The Boston Fire Department has always responded promptly and generously to any worthy appeal, and it is a happy privilege to be at the head of a department whose employees so readily sense the worthiness of a cause, and just as willingly contribute to it," the commissioner added in the general statement.

## FIRE DEPT. MEMBERS GIVE \$5000 FOR RELIEF

Contributions of Like Sum Well Be  
Made Monthly

The men of the Boston fire department yesterday contributed \$5000 to the welfare department fund for the relief of the unemployed and Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin told Mayor Curley that like monthly contributions will be continued for a period of at least six months.

The generosity of the firemen

have voluntarily pledged a percentage of their weekly salaries to the unemployment fund, promises to establish a record among city departments.

The officers and privates of the department have assured Commissioner McLaughlin that they will make possible a monthly contribution of at least \$5000.

The policemen have already made known their intention to contribute \$20,000 in a lump sum from the treasury to the relief association.



# MAYOR ASSAILS FIVE-CENT MILK

Tells State Grange Certain  
Interests Are Seeking  
Monopoly

## WARNING ISSUED TO BOSTON DEALERS

With Mayor Curley and the Massachusetts State Grange presenting a united front against the five cent per quart milk price established by the National Dairy Products Company, the bitter controversy provided a major issue yesterday for the 1000 grange delegates assembled in the Hotel Bradford for a three-day session.

Following charges by Mayor Curley

that certain interests desirous of obtaining a monopoly of the milk market were trying to drive New England farmers out of business, the health department, at the mayor's suggestion, issued warning that Boston dealers' licenses would be revoked if they distributed milk from sources not approved and inspected by the department.

On the basis of figures prepared by Massachusetts State College, in Amherst, Sumner R. Parker, who is attending the grange session and is a member of the staff of the college, told The Herald that the average cost to the farmer of producing a quart of milk in Massachusetts, exclusive of handling costs, was \$.0617 per quart.

At the grange session last night reports were submitted by the committee on home economics and by the trustees of the educational aid fund. There were also memorial exercises and entertainment by Metropolitan Pomona Grange.

With the milk price lower than at any time since 1917, the 1000 delegates at the session, representing some 30,000 Massachusetts agriculturists, have found the question the critical issue.

The reduction here followed a similar reduction in Springfield last week.

In connection with the drastic warning issued by the health department, Mayor Curley said, "it is quite apparent that the price established by those people attempting to obtain control of the milk situation will result in requiring the farmers of New England to sell their milk at such a low price as to drive them out of business and require them to dispose of their cattle."

"While at the present time the price of milk may appear cheap, inevitably the people of Boston will be compelled to pay more than ever before, due to the creation of such a monopoly."

At the grange session yesterday afternoon, the mayor was cheered when he spoke against the 5-cent price level. He spoke, in part, as follows:

"A new institution wants supreme control in this territory. They give us milk at less than the cost of production in order to drive somebody out. And when that has happened, we'll pay the penalty permanently."

### HOME ECONOMIES

At the session last night the report of the committee on home economies, presented by Mrs. Edgar H. Chandler of Needham, indicated that relief of conditions caused by business depression had comprised the bulk of the committee's work. She reported the establishment of junior granges in Medfield, Worthington, Brookville, Seekonk and Attleboro.

According to a report of the educational fund trustees, presented by Evan F. Richardson of Millis, the state granges contributed more than \$15,000 during 1931. New loans were made to 64 students and 40 renewals were granted. Loans for the year, totalling \$15,000, were applied to students in 44 schools and colleges in 12 states.

## CURLEY URGES XMAS GIFTS FOR VETERANS

Mayor Curley yesterday approved the 11th annual drive of the disabled veterans Christmas remembrance committee to provide a Christmas stocking for 3400 veterans confined in hospitals in Massachusetts as well as in hospitals in other parts of the country. He said:

In addition to providing Christmas stockings, the committee carries on a year round program of welfare work among needy veterans, as well as the dependents

of veterans, confined to hospitals. Several thousand of such cases have been given emergency assistance by this committee while they were in a pitiful state of distress.

The people of Massachusetts have always been most generous to this cause, but this year the organization needs your co-operation more than ever. May we count on you for a contribution? Each stocking costs \$2.50. Any amount, large or small is acceptable. Donations, together with your name and address, should be sent to James J. Phelan, treasurer, 60 Congress street, Boston.

RECORD

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## Mayor Curley and Party Leave for Capital



Mayor Curley and party are shown at the Back Bay station last night shortly before they boarded train for Washington where His Honor will attend conference on rivers and harbors. Thomas J. A. Johnson, president of the board of port authority, and Frank S. Davis of the maritime board of Chamber of Commerce, will attend conference with mayor. L. to r., Mayor Curley, Mary Curley, Thomas J. A. Johnson and Katherine Donnelly.

## TRANSCRIPT 12/9/31 Bans Outside Milk in Fear of Quality

In directing Health Commissioner Mahoney to issue an order forbidding dealers to sell any milk not the product of dairies now inspected and approved by the Boston Health Department, Mayor Curley issued the following statement:

"The reduction in the price of milk delivered has caused great apprehension on the part of the mayor of Boston that the consumers in Boston will be supplied an inferior quality of milk, due to the fact that in all probability such milk will be procured outside of New England and will be uninspected by the health officials of the city."

"If such milk is delivered to the families in Boston he expressed the fear that untold harm and injury may result, with the possibility of an epidemic. The mayor also feels that the entire situation was prompted on the part of certain interests to create a monopoly in the milk market, with the consequent result that, while at the present time the price of milk may appear cheap, eventually the people of Boston will be compelled to pay more than ever, due to the creation of such a monopoly."

"It is apparent that the price established by those people attempting to obtain control of the milk situation, will result in requiring the farmers of New England to sell their milk at such a low price as to drive them out of business and require them to dispose of their cattle."

## DENIES LAW BROKEN ON NEW TUNNEL JOB

Col. Sullivan Says Six  
Doctors Employed

As a result of statements made yesterday by a union representative that the law is being violated in the construction of the East Boston vehicular tunnel and that union men have been on strike since Monday, Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston Transit Commission last night invited Boston newspapers to send representatives to the East Boston job to check up on the statements.

Edwin E. Graves of the Building Trades Council declared that a law of this State requiring physicians to be on hand to examine men before they enter the lock to "go under air" is being violated at the tunnel.

### Strike "Unknown"

Col. Sullivan and the contractor de-

nied the law is being violated and said they know of no men being on strike. Mr. Graves had announced that union men struck Monday and that additional non-union compressed air workers quit yesterday. He said six compressed air workers have been treated at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary for what is known as "block" ailments and have been told not to go to work until advised by hospital physicians.

"Before entering and leaving the blocks to go under air pressure, physicians are required to examine the men to determine whether the passage from the ear to the nose is clear in order that the head may act as a sort of vacuum under the air compression," Mr. Graves said. "After the men have 'worked under air' for several periods they are pretty well able to take care of themselves and only the physically fit are allowed by the physicians to perform this work. Physicians are required on the job all the time that this work is necessary."

Col. Sullivan declared the charge untrue and said there was nothing to "cover up" on the tunnel work.

### Denies Charge

"I'm not so much concerned with statements between Agent Graves and the contractor on the tunnel job about

this alleged strike," he said, "and don't want to get into a debate over a strike situation, but I am deeply concerned regarding the untruthful statement in regard to the law not being lived up to relative to physicians, as that is the commission's concern and is part of the contract under which the tunnel is being built."

"First of all, I wrote and helped to bring about the adopting of that particular law on the statutes of this State and my first aim is to see that it is not violated. There are at least six physicians on the East Boston vehicular tunnel job, and they are present at each shift to examine the men before and after they leave the locks. This is a matter of record. In fact, there haven't been more than four men required to leave the job since it began."

"The Silas Mason Company, general contractors on this job, recently completed a \$24,000,000 contract project, have a \$14,000,000 project now under way in another city and have been at this business for more than 125 years."

## WOMEN COULD AID, SAYS TAGUE

Points Out to Club Members  
How to Help  
Build Port

That the members of the State Federation of Women's Clubs could do much toward bringing back to the port of Boston the commerce which once made it a pioneer port, was pointed out to this assembly today at Hotel Statler by ex-Congressman Peter Tague, chairman of the board of elections of the city of Boston. The speaker appeared for Mayor Curley, who is in Washington.

The occasion was the conference of the fourth and sixth districts of the federation and the theme of the day, "The Good Ship Success at the Port of Boston." Mrs. Frederick E. Judd presided at the morning session and Mrs. Stewart A. Colpitts was afternoon chairman. Mrs. Frank H. Cole, president of the hostess clubs, the Ex-Club of New Hampshire, brought greetings to the assembly.

At the morning session, the work of the division of co-operation with war veterans, Mrs. Walter H. Woods, chairman, was featured, and there was a Christmas sale of articles made by disabled veterans.

Round-table discussion featured the luncheon at 12:30. A song rally for Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, candidate for president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was staged as a tribute to her honorary membership in New Hampshire's Daughters.

One of the features of the day was a talk by Mrs. Edward MacDowell of Peterboro, N. H., on the Peterboro Colony. Mrs. MacDowell also gave a piano recital, which was received with delight by her audience.

## MAYOR EXPLAINS HIS BAN ORDER ON MILK NOT INSPECTED LOCALLY

Fear that the present price war among milk dealers may result in Boston being furnished with an inferior quality of milk, yesterday prompted Mayor Curley to direct Health Commissioner Dr. Francis X. Mahoney to issue an order forbidding dealers to sell any milk not the product of dairies now inspected and approved by the Boston Health Department under penalty of revocation of their licenses to sell milk here.

The official order to all dealers licensed to sell milk in Boston reads:

"The Boston Health Commissioner forbids any dealer to bring into Boston for purpose of sale any milk not the product of dairies now inspected and approved by the Boston Health Department, as required by the rules and regulations of the Health Commissioner of Boston. Violation of this rule or regulation will result in immediate revocation of license to sell milk in Boston."

A statement released from Mayor Curley's office in connection with the ban on uninspected milk, declared:

"The reduction in the price of

milk delivered has caused great apprehension on the part of the Mayor of Boston that the consumers in Boston will be supplied an inferior quality of milk, due to the fact that in all probability such milk will be procured outside of New England and will be uninspected by the health officials of the city.

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## Curley Gives Congressmen Harbor Plans

### Urges Improvements at Luncheon Tendered by Senator Walsh

By Oliver McKee, Jr.

Special to the Transcript:

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mayor James M. Curley this afternoon asked the Massachusetts delegation in Congress for its support in an improvement program for Boston Harbor. Speaking at a luncheon given in his honor at the Capitol by Senator David I. Walsh, the other guests being members of the Bay State delegation, Mayor Curley outlined the program approved by the Boston Port Authority.

Federal aid is necessary for the following projects, Mayor Curley said, quoting from a letter from the Boston Port Authority:

"1.—The removal of the lower middle ground shoal adjacent to the main ship channel between Governor's Island and the President Roads. The object in this removal is to enlarge the present anchorage area in the inner harbor and remove a menace to navigation.

"2.—Removal of the ledge off the end of the Army Base and also removal of certain obstructions at that point. Also, we recommend that, as there now exists in some places alongside the Army Base piers, a depth of only twenty-six feet at mean low water, this depth be increased to thirty-five to forty feet mean low water. The Army Base piers are the largest in Boston and have great possibilities for the accommodation of deep draft freighters and large passenger vessels.

"3.—Widen and deepen Weymouth-Fore River from Hingham Bay to Weymouth-Fore River bridge.

"4.—Deepen the main ship channel from President Roads to some point above Commonwealth Pier in the upper harbor to a depth of forty feet at mean low water.

"In the rivers and harbors bill, as passed by Congress in June, 1930, provision was made for a preliminary examination and survey of Boston Harbor as a whole, and of Weymouth-Fore River from Hingham Bay to the Weymouth-Fore River bridge. The recommendations which are including in our program are ones whose importance to the port is very great and whose passage by the Rivers and Harbors Committee in Congress is very much to be desired."

## Curley's Remarks on Milk "Harmful"

The following telegram was sent to Mayor Curley by Thomas H. McInnerney, president of the National Dairy Products Corporation:

"The Boston Transcript and the New York Journal of Commerce carry a statement from you regarding our company which, if it is correctly reported, is not in accordance with the facts. The only milk business we have in Boston is the Deerfoot Farms Company, all of whose milk is produced in Massachusetts. Sheffield Farms does not ship any milk into Boston. It has not been asked to ship there and has no intention of doing so. National Dairy ships no New York milk into Boston. National Dairy neither directly nor indirectly owns or controls the Whiting Dairy Company nor has it any interest in Whiting Dairy Company, directly or indirectly. We do not control milk prices in Boston and we have no desire to do so. Your statement, therefore, is distinctly harmful and we believe you will be glad to be acquainted with the facts. We are giving a copy of this telegram to the press."

## Post 12/10/31 STORES TO AID JOBLESS FUND

### Plan to Get Voluntary Contributions

Boston retail stores in the membership of the Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, are working on a plan to obtain voluntary contributions to the Boston unemployment relief fund.

The committee appointed by Mr. Sidney S. Conrad, president of the Retail Trade Board and of Conrad & Co. consists of the following: Messrs. T. Grafton Abbott, president of D. R. Emerson Company; Richard Mitton, president of Jordan Marsh Company; John Shepard, 3rd, president of The Shepard Store; F. A. Black, publicity director of Wm. Filene's Sons Co., and Felix Vorenberg, president of Gilchrist Co.

It is expected that other stores in the city will support this project so that the total contributions from the retail interests will augment the sum to be raised by the Retail Trade Board.

At the same time President Frederic S. Snyder of the chamber announced that the trustees of the Boston Chamber of Commerce Realty Trust had agreed to furnish free of charge, quarters for Mayor Curley's executive committee on unemployment and relief. Attorney William Taylor, chairman of the committee, in thanking the Boston Chamber of Commerce for its co-operation announced that no relief will be dispensed from his quarters. Relief work will be done from the regular city relief agency headquarters.

## GRANGER LAUDS CURLEY ACTION

### Forward Praises Milk Market Stand—Annual Meeting Closes

The 59th annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Grange concluded today at the Hotel Bradford with reports from standing committees and the installation of officers.

An outstanding report was made by Winfred Forward, member of the state Legislature from Granby and head of the grange legislative committee. He expressed his committee's approval of the address recently delivered before the grange by Mayor Curley in connection with the local milk market, and recommended the formation of a committee to suggest action on the part of other mayors similar to that taken by Curley. Forward also advocated increased appropriations for the elimination of bovine tuberculosis.

In response to a request from Gov. Ely for information from the grange leaders, which he might incorporate in the form of suggested agricultural remedies in his forthcoming message to the state Legislature, a special committee was formed to recommend legislation which the grange would support.

A conference of grange lecturers was held during the morning session, presided over by Mrs. Margaret A. Sarre, worthy state lecturer. James C. Farmer, national lecturer, spoke of ways to make both pleasant and beneficial the literary hour held at each meeting of the individual granges.

The three-day meeting ended with the installation of officers by Charles M. Gardiner, national high priest of Demeter.

# Curley Urges \$4,000,000 for Boston Harbor Development

## Mayor Discusses Program with State Congressional Delegation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Four million dollar development program for Boston harbor was presented by Mayor James M. Curley to the Massachusetts congressional delegation at a luncheon at the capital at which the mayor was the guest of honor. Senator Walsh the host, and attended by the entire delegation from Senate and House. Details of the harbor development plan were contained in a report prepared by the Boston port authorities, addressed to Mayor Curley.

The specified harbor improvements recommended were removal of the low-

er middle ground shoal adjacent to the main ship channel between Governors Island and President roads for the purpose of enlarging the anchorage area at that point; removal of the ledge off the end of the army base and dredging between the army base and the main ship channel to give a depth of 40 feet at low water; the widening and deepening of the Weymouth Fore river from Hingham bay to the Fore river bridge; deepening the main channel from President roads to a point in the upper harbor above Commonwealth pier to a depth of 40 feet. The present depth is 15 feet.

The report to Mayor Curley contained no specific estimate of the total costs involved in these undertakings, but the mayor said that his own estimate was about \$4,000,000. He wants an appropriation from the federal government for this purpose at the rate of a million dollars a year.

The luncheon conference today was for the purpose of enlisting the support of the Bay state members of Congress for this project.

## CURLEY AT CAPITAL; SEEKS HARBOR FUND

Asks \$1,000,000 for Port of Boston and for Jobless—Success Doubtful

[From Herald Washington Bureau]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, accompanied by his social secretary, Thomas L. Johnson, his daughter, Mary Curley, and his private secretary, arrived here today to attend the sessions of waterways congress and to confer with the members of the Massachusetts delegation in the House. He was at the Capitol this afternoon and posed for photographers. Tomorrow he will attend a luncheon party to which all the members of the Bay State delegation have been invited. Senator Walsh will be host.

The mayor is seeking congressional appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the improvement and development of Boston harbor to make it one of the finest in the world and to aid the unemployed. He will solicit the support of the Bay State delegation for this project. He has been advised, however, that there is not the slightest possibility of getting such a bill through Congress at this session unless there is a general rivers and harbors bill, of which there is no present prospect. Even then, the proposal would have slim chance of running the congressional gauntlet.

## RETAIL BOARD PLANS AID TO RELIEF DRIVE

Chamber Gives Office to Curley Committee

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## Cite Realty Sale in Answering Mayor

Referring to a property on Hanover street, the sale of which was reported in the Transcript of yesterday, the Boston Real Estate Exchange has issued a reply to Mayor Curley's attack on the exchange. The property spoken of is a part of the old Marston restaurant at 17-21 Hanover street. It was this holding which Mayor Curley cited in making sensational charges that an "abatement racket" exists in Boston. The Tax Appeal Board reduced from \$125,000 to \$45,000 the assessment on this property, and the city started an appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court, only to withdraw the action suddenly.

"On Nov. 20 notice was filed with the board of a withdrawal of the appeal on the part of the city of Boston," the statement says in part. Papers have just been recorded in the sale of the property and the price was \$26,000.

Meantime the Suffolk Probate Court has approved a sale for \$12,000 of a half-interest in the property, which was held by an estate in process of administration. Besides this, the Massachusetts legacy tax department has also fixed a valuation for taxation of the same half-interest at \$22,500.

"In other words, here we have a property owner assessed on a valuation of \$125,000. He asks for an abatement of taxes and is forced by the city either to accept a valuation of \$106,300 or go to the expense of an appeal to the board of tax appeals, even though two of the board of assessors who had fixed that valuation later testified under oath that the property was not worth more than \$90,000.

"The board of tax appeals fixed a valuation of \$45,000; the Probate Court of Suffolk County allows a sale of the estate of a half-interest for \$12,000 and even the Massachusetts legacy department, which naturally takes as full a valuation as it can consistently maintain for tax purposes, is satisfied with a tax on a valuation of \$22,500 for the same half-interest.

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that Boston real estate is greatly overvalued for tax purposes. While the case cited is undoubtedly an extreme one, inflated assessment exists, in our opinion, in most of downtown Boston and in some other parts of the city."



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# LEO CURLEY DEATH CAR OPERATOR

## Woman Hit by Auto of Mayor's Son at Corner

Leo Curley, 16, son of Mayor Curley, was named by Back Bay police last night as the operator of the automobile which struck Miss Sally Bean, 48, of 130 Byers street, Springfield, early last Saturday morning, inflicting injuries which caused her death last night in the Boston City Hospital.

As is usual in such cases, the facts of the case will be presented to the court this morning by the police to see whether a warrant should be issued on a technical charge of manslaughter.

The accident occurred at 1:45 Saturday morning on Huntington avenue, near the corner of Forsyth street, Back Bay. According to the police report the young man was operating his own automobile when the woman stepped out from the curb and was struck before the driver could stop.

She was removed to the Boston City Hospital in a passing automobile and was found to be suffering from multiple contusions of the right side and fractured ribs of the right side.

Patrolman William Lindahl of the Back Bay station took a report of the accident from young Curley. It was thought at first at the hospital, where the woman was in care of the first surgical service, that her condition improved the day following the accident. It later was discovered that she had sustained serious internal injuries because of the fractured ribs.

### News Made Public

Her condition took a turn for the worse and she died at 9:18 last night. The report of the accident was then forwarded by the Back Bay police to police headquarters where the news of the accident was made public for the first time.

This morning in Roxbury Court Patrolman Lindahl, with Special Officers Gilbert Noyes and John McGuire, will go before one of the judges of the court to place the facts of the case before him.

It was understood in police circles last night that the young man recently received the machine as a birthday gift. He is a student at the Boston Latin School and was a member of the football squad at the school during the season just past.

### At Moderate Speed

Mayor Curley was in Washington last night. It was learned last night that the police investigation of the case disclosed that the youth was

driving home from a school function when he struck the woman. He was driving at a moderate rate of speed and it is police opinion that the accident could not have been avoided. It is believed that the woman was waiting for a street car and stepped off the curbing into the path of the youth's car.

The woman's body was turned over to Medical Examiner Timothy Leary last night as is a matter of form in such cases.

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Meantime the Suffolk Probate Court has approved a sale for \$12,000 of a half-interest in the property, which was held by an estate in process of administration. Besides this, the Massachusetts legacy tax department has also fixed a valuation for taxation of the same half-interest at \$22,500.

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## REAL ESTATE BOARD REPLIES TO CURLEY

### 'Who Are the Racketeers?' Is Pointed Rejoinder

Replying to a recent attack by Mayor Curley, the Boston Real Estate Exchange last night issued a statement, setting forth the record in the 17-21 Hanover-st tax abatement case, and asking pointedly, "Who are the racketeers?"

It was this case which Mayor Curley cited in making sensational charges that an "abatement racket" exists in the city of Boston. The Tax Appeal Board reduced from \$125,000 to \$45,000 the assessment on this property, and the city of Boston started an appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court, only to withdraw such action suddenly.

### Gives History of Case

The statement says in part: "On Nov. 20 notice was filed with the board of a withdrawal of the appeal on the part of the city of Boston."

"Papers have just been recorded in the sale of the property and the price was \$26,000.

"In the meantime the Suffolk County Probate Court has approved a sale for \$12,000 of a half interest in the property, which was held by an estate in process of administration. Besides this, the Massachusetts Legacy Tax Department has also fixed a valuation for taxation of the same half interest at \$22,500.

"In other words, here we have a property owner assessed on a valuation of \$125,000. He asks for an abatement of taxes and is forced by the city either to accept a valuation of \$106,300 or go to the expense of an appeal to the board of tax appeals, even though two of the Board of Assessors who had fixed that valuation later testified under oath that the property was not worth more than \$90,000.

### Three Valuations

"The Board of Tax Appeals fixed a valuation of \$45,000; the Probate Court of Suffolk County allows a sale by an estate of a half interest for \$12,000; and even the Massachusetts Legacy Tax Department, which naturally takes as full a valuation as it can consistently maintain for tax purposes, is satisfied with a tax on a valuation of \$22,500 for the same half interest.

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# TAX APPEAL BOARD ACTS DEFENDED

## Real Estate Exchange Says Assessments Too High

Defending the State Board of Tax Appeals against attacks by Mayor Curley, the Boston Real Estate Exchange last night made public a statement covering the facts in connection

with the Hanover street property, formerly used in part by Marston's Restaurant, and asked: "Who are the racketeers?"

### SOLD FOR \$26,000

Mayor Curley had charged that an "abatement racket" existed and cited the Hanover street property as an example of alleged collusion between owners of real estate, their attorneys and the board of tax appeals. The Real Estate Exchange said that the Hanover street property was assessed for \$125,000. The board of tax appeals reduced the assessment to \$45,000. That was when Mayor Curley launched his attack and asked for removal of the board. Subsequently the Mayor sought to bring action in the Supreme Court to override the board of tax appeals. While this matter was being discussed, the property was sold and it brought only \$26,000. Further, the Suffolk County Probate Court approved a sale of a half interest in the property, which was held by an estate in process of administration, for \$12,000, and the legacy tax division of the State tax department fixed a valuation for taxation of the same half interest at \$22,500. "Unreasonable attacks on real estate owners," says the statement, "for asking perfectly proper abatements of ex-

cessive taxation and for the board of Tax Appeals for granting reasonable abatements, cannot hide the fact that Boston real estate is greatly over-valued for tax purposes. While the case above cited is undoubtedly an extreme one, inflated assessment exists, in our opinion, in most of down-town Boston and in some other parts of the city.

### Condition Not Healthy

"This condition is unhealthy. It means that Boston is collecting an improperly large income from real estate taxes. It means further that the debt limit of the city is higher than it ought to be, and the ratio of outstanding indebtedness to the assessed values gives a false impression of the real security afforded to the purchasers of Boston's bonds and notes. Inflated assessments were to a great extent the cause of the financial difficulties both of Chicago and Fall River, and we believe they will cause havoc in Boston, as well as in many manufacturing cities throughout the State, where assessments are so much out of line with fair cash values as they are in Boston. "The last thing the members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange want is to injure their own business by discrediting real estate in Boston as an investment. Over-assessment, however, coupled with reckless spending by the present city government have reached such a point that not only the best interest of owners of real estate, but that of every citizen of Boston, demands the fullest publicity for facts such as those disclosed by the case above cited. Only by such publicity can the voters of Boston be made to realize the seriousness of the situation and can a public opinion be aroused that will force our city government to cease its extravagance."

# START WORK ON BOSTON'S RELIEF FUND

## Emergency Committee to Fix Drive Goal Today

Boston's emergency committee on unemployment, appointed by Mayor Curley to raise a community fund for the relief of the jobless, opened for business yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce building, where plans will be formulated this afternoon to collect contributions.

### FIX TOTAL TODAY

At a meeting of the executive committee called last night at the new headquarters by Chairman William H. Taylor, it was voted that all the money raised shall be expended only for the

relief of unemployment and that it will be distributed only through the municipal public welfare department at the charity administration building, 43 Hawkins street, West End.

All matters concerning the technique of fund-raising were referred to the sub-committee on finance, which will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Room 846, Chamber of Commerce building. This committee will also determine the quota which will be raised in Boston, no goal having yet been decided upon in the first week of the Boston committee's existence.

In appreciation of a suite of four offices, with furnishings, provided without rental or other charge, the executive committee last night adopted resolutions thanking the Chamber of Commerce, the Amory Elliot officers, the Atlantic Desk Company, the Remington Rand Business Service, Faine Furniture Company and Sampson and Murdock, which started the Boston committee off on its relief work without the necessity of paying office expenses.

The executive committee comprises Chairman William H. Taylor, Vice-Chairman Louis E. Klrstein and P. A. O'Connell, and Roy H. Cushman, former Governor Alvan T. Fuller, Dr. William H. Griffin, Henry I. Harriman, Matt B. Jones, Judge Frank Leveroni, Lieutenant-General Edward L. Logan, James T. Moriarty, the Rev. Thomas R. Reynolds, Dr. Ben M. Selekman, President Frederic S. Snyder of the Chamber of Commerce, Philip Stockton, Mrs. Eva Whiting White, Mrs. W. H. Dana Woodbury, and Charles W. Harvey.

# RECORD 12/11/31 REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE RAPS MAYOR CURLEY

Mayor Curley and city officials were flayed yesterday by the Boston Real Estate Exchange in connection with the Hanover street abatement case.

The attack was inspired by the recent sale of the property at 17-21 Hanover st. for \$26,000. The state tax appeal board has been criticized as "racketeers" by Mayor Curley for reducing the assessment from \$125,000 to \$45,000.

"On the basis of the facts in the case, all of which is a matter of public record, who were the racketeers?" the realty board said in a statement.

"Was it the owner of the property seeking common justice, or city authorities who refused it and tried to collect nearly three times the amount of tax to which the city was justly entitled?"



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is certain to take place.

"The construction programs recommended by President Hoover, to me appear altogether too conservative, but unfortunately there is no concerted group movement from the out of Congress for a more radical program of courageous expenditure which, if given support by a large group in Congress, would unquestionably receive similar support from President Hoover and at least prepare America for the shock that the banks anticipate and make possible in America opportunities for employment for the people which is vital.

"Every big interest in America at the beginning of the year pledged its support to the construction programs announced by President Hoover and then the greater number of them proceeded to trim their own craft, financial and otherwise in anticipation of a storm that they believed to be brewing. That the storm will take place is evident from even a 24-hour stay in Washington and that the Nation should stand solidly behind the President with the storm in the offing to assist him in the development of even an audacious program of construction is my firm conviction.

"But whatever form the program may take should be speedily determined. Subsequent to one great crisis in America the Government embarked upon a program of railroad construction; subsequent to a succeeding crisis, a program of telephone, telegraph and electrical construction.

### Stupendous Plan Needed

"Something of a stupendous character must be embarked on now for the preservation of the Nation whether it be the development of an inland empire in the Mississippi Valley or governmental aid for the electrification of the railroads of the United States or a Federal housing program for the people of the United States is one that Congress should determine upon without delay.

"But even though a construction program is decided upon we must not lose sight of the fact that the inventive genius of the world through efficiency systems and through the substitution of machine labor for man power have restricted the opportunities for work for the people of America to such an extent that we are no longer justified in disregarding the early adoption of a five-day week or possibly a six-hour day in industry, since after all the best customer for the American Nation is the American worker permanently employed at a decent wage."

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### Mayor's Son in Auto Fatality

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This morning, young Curley visited the Roxbury Court house in company with Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman. The police did not make any application in the case and it was announced that on Wednesday, Judge Frankland L. W. Miles will take up the matter.

## TAKES FIRST STEPS TO AID UNEMPLOYED

### Boston Emergency Board's Executive Group Meets

Initial steps in the work of the Boston Emergency Committee on Unemployment, organized last week by Mayor James M. Curley, were taken yesterday by the executive committee of the body, meeting in suite 846, Chamber of Commerce Building. Chairman William H. Taylor, Boston attorney, presided.

A meeting of the sub-committee on finance was called for this afternoon, to discuss the quota which should be set for the proposed drive and to plan concerning the methods of fund raising.

The 15 members of the committee present at yesterday's meeting, which lasted from 3 p m to about 6:30 in the evening, were unanimously agreed on the following proposals:

That a fund be raised by public subscription for unemployment relief; that the money which shall be raised be expended for unemployment relief only, and be spent alone by the Municipal Department of Public Welfare, and that the amount to be raised and the methods of raising it be referred to the sub-committee on finance.

The committee also unanimously voted to extend appreciation publicly to the following concerns for their assistance in providing and furnishing committee headquarters: The Amory Elliot officers, the Atlantic Desk Company, the Remington-Rand Business Service, Inc; the Paine Furniture Company, the Sampson & Mordock Company and the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

The executive committee of the Boston Emergency Committee is comprised of Chairman William H. Taylor, Vice Chairmen Louis E. Kirstein and P. A. O'Connell, and the following committeemen: Roy H. Cushman, Ex-Gov Alvan T. Fuller, Dr William H. Griffin, Henry I. Harriman, Matt B. Jones, Hon Frank Leveroni, Gen Edward L. Logan, James T. Moriarty, Rev Thomas R. Reynolds, Dr Ben M. Seligman, Frederic S. Snyder, Philip Stockton, Mrs Eva Whiting White, Mrs Willard Dana Woodbury and Charles W. Harvey.

Honorary chairmen include Mayor Curley, Rabbi Harry Levi of Temple Israel, Joseph McGrath, president of the Boston City Council; William Cardinal O'Connell and Rt Rev Henry Knox Sherrill.

## CURLEY DEATH CASE DELAYED

Accompanied by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, Leo Curley, 16, son of Mayor Curley, appeared in Roxbury Court today for questioning in connection with the accident in which Miss Sally Bean, 48, was fatally injured by an auto operated by the youth.

Special Officer John McGuire of the Back Bay station told the court the police did not wish to file a complaint at this time and the hearing was set over until next Wednesday.

News of the accident, at Huntington ave. and Forsyth sts., was made public last night following the woman's death at City Hospital, where she had been confined since last Saturday.

Police declared they would present the facts to the court to determine whether a warrant should be issued on a technical charge of manslaughter.

According to the police report, the youth was operating his own auto, a recent birthday gift, from a function at the Boston Latin school, where he is a student.

At Forsyth st and Huntington ave. the woman stepped from the curb and was struck before Curley could bring the car to a stop. A passing autoist rushed her to the City Hospital.

Police say young Curley was driving at a moderate rate of speed and that the accident apparently could not be avoided.

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## CURLEY FINDS ROOSEVELT IS PARTY CHOICE

Washington, Dec. 10 (INS)—Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, a visitor here today, found remarkable sentiment for the nomination of Gov. Roosevelt of New York for the presidency on the Democratic ticket.

"I have talked with members of Congress and others from states where the 'favorite son dodge' is being encouraged, and find every one of them sheepishly admitting that regardless of pressure for the first ballot, they propose supporting as the nominee of the party Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Mayor Curley urged the Massachusetts delegation in Congress to support a project calling for expenditure of \$2,000,000,000 for flood control, hydro-electric development and commerce on the Mississippi river.



# CURLEY PRESSES 'INLAND EMPIRE'

## Declares Big Program Demanded by Times At Capital, Declares Hoover Faces Problems Unaided

By CHARLES S. GROVES  
WASHINGTON, Dec 10—Mayor Curley of Boston, who has been attending the waterways convention here, visited the Capitol today and was a guest of Senator Walsh at luncheon. Senator Coolidge and members of the Massachusetts delegation in the House were also guests at the luncheon.

The Mayor presented to the delegation the recommendation of the Port Authority of Boston for certain harbor improvements for which Federal assistance will be asked. Mayor Curley urged the members of the Massachusetts delegation to lend their aid to securing the appropriation which may be necessary to carry the recommendations into effect.

### Finds Roosevelt Strong

Mayor Curley had the following to say regarding the selection of Gov Franklin D. Roosevelt as the Democratic nominee for President:

"I have been pleased though not surprised as the result of my conferences here with Democratic leaders from all portions of the United States to find that apparently not only the choice of the Democrats of America but even of independent Republicans in America for the Presidency of the United States is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"I have talked with members of Congress and others from States where the favorite son dodge is being encouraged and find every one of them sheepishly admitting that regardless of pressure for the first ballot they propose supporting as the nominee of the party the Hon Franklin D. Roosevelt."

### Program Too Conservative

The Mayor commented at length on economic and political conditions in general. He believes the construction programs recommended by President Hoover are too conservative, and reiterated his proposition made some months ago for the development of an "inland empire" in the Mississippi Valley through Governmental aid.

As the result of his observations, the Mayor declared, he has arrived at the conclusion that President Hoover is being required to work out single-handed the solution of problems resembling in many respects the situation met and overcome by Washington and Lincoln in their time.

Mayor Curley issued the following statement:

"On Wednesday I attended the deeper waterways convention at the Hotel Willard and addressed the several hundred delegates in attendance. I told them that I would urge the Massachusetts delegation in Congress to support the Mississippi River project for an expenditure of \$2,000,000,000 by the Government for flood control, hydro-electric development and commercial development, and, in return, expected that the delegates from the territory served by the Mississippi River would support the projects which Massachusetts is interested in, namely, the Cape Cod Canal and the harbor developments, including the removal of Lower Middle Ground and the deepening of the channel to 40 feet from President Roads to the Navy Yard, and the widening and deepening of the channel to the Fore River shipyards in Quincy, which would represent an expenditure of \$4,000,000.

"I received very general assurance from these delegates from all over the country that they would work with us on these projects.

### Confers With Bay Staters

"During the day I had conferences with Senator Walsh and Congressmen McCormack, Douglass and Granfield and requested that a luncheon meeting be arranged for Thursday at the Capitol at 1 o'clock. Every member of Congress from Massachusetts was asked to attend this luncheon meeting where matters of legislation affecting Boston and Massachusetts, which have the indorsement of every Boston interest and represent a two-year study, were discussed.

"In the evening I attended a dinner at the Mayflower tendered by some of my former associates in Congress. At the dinner there was a general discussion in which every one participated relative to conditions at the present time and ways and means of bettering the same. Among those in attendance were Senator Peter Norbeck, Senator Walter F. Dodge, Congressmen Hartsell Ragon, James Strong, Addison Smith, Lewis T. McFadden, Royal Johnson, Robert Lucas and Charles Barrett.

"I have had contacts during this visit with many persons in Washington, high and low, and during the time that I have been here have been more than ever impressed with the responsibility which rests upon my own political party now in control of the House and almost in control of the Senate.

### Praises Speaker Garner

"I had the pleasure of meeting the Speaker of the House, John N. Garner, with whom I served four years as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs some 20 years ago and know to be a sincere and ardent American who can be relied upon to place the welfare of the country above the welfare of party. I am convinced that this attitude must be the accepted duty of every public official, not only in Washington but throughout the country.

"Apparently there is less clear thinking upon the proper solution of the problems confronting America, and there is more fear as to the injurious effects of events which every one anticipates and which undoubtedly will develop in Europe within the next 30 to 60 days. No one can remain in Washington for an entire day and establish real contacts with those who are and should be in the know without arriving at the conclusion that the task essayed by President Hoover, who so far as I am able to observe is being required to work out the solution single-handed, resembles in many

respects the situation met and overcome by Washington and by Lincoln.

### New Problem to Face

"After all, the problem of prosperity is equally as difficult of solution as the problem of adversity, but apparently it is a new problem, the solution of which has not been definitely determined up to the present time. There is only one thing, however, that is apparently certain and that is, that the sooner the American people cease to think of American problems in European terms, the better for America. We provided for the needs of the Allies during the war and sent a steady stream of wealth to Europe and since the close of the war to prevent Communism gaining an ascendancy. There is a serious danger if this policy is continued of endeavoring to save Europe, that we may lose America.

"The conditions in Boston are better than in any other American city so far as I have been able to ascertain, yet the figures for aid furnished by our Public Welfare Department are startling. For the month of November, 1931, \$600,000 was expended as against \$498,000 in August, 1931. The number of families aided in August, 1930, was 980; in August, 1931, 4614; in November, 1931, 6024. This increase in unemployment of 25 percent will more than likely further increase during the Winter months of January and February as well as March.

### Must Follow Europe's Idea

"Unless America adopts the same program for the preservation of the welfare of the American people that European Nations have adopted for the welfare of European countries with our money, there is no means of determining the end of the depression. It is folly to continue wandering in the fields of fear and apprehension of the position that European countries may take with reference to obligations due by them to the United States. The sooner we regard these obligations in the same light that margin accounts in the stock market have been regarded in the last two years the better for America.

"We might just as well consider them lost now as to wait until we discover this to be the fact in 30 or 90 days.

"It is to be hoped that personal and banking investments in foreign securities may be conserved and may not be lost, but if the fear of possible loss is responsible for the hysteria of fear that today prompts the banking inter-

ests of the country to refuse loans to American citizens or business concerns for legitimate needs in order, as the financiers term it, to remain liquid in anticipation of what may take place in Europe, the more speedily they charge off these anticipated losses and abandon the policy of conserving capital in anticipation of disasters that are bound to come in Europe and realize that prosperity in America is the only way in which they can recoup the losses they will ultimately sustain in Europe, the better for America and for the banking interests of America.

### Bankers Cause Stagnation

"If there is business stagnation in America it is not due to the fear upon the part of either the small merchant or the big merchant in America. It is due to the attitude of the bankers and their desire to remain liquid in order to meet anticipated catastrophes in Europe which should not be considered in the light of an anticipated one but as a constant threat.



assessed values of the real security afforded to the purchasers of Boston's bonds and notes. Inflated assessments were to a great extent the cause of the financial difficulties both of Chicago and Fall River, and we believe they will cause havoc in Boston as well as in many manufacturing cities throughout the state where assessments are so much out of line with fair cash values as they are in Boston.

The last thing the members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange want is to injure their own business by discrediting real estate in Boston as an investment. Over-assessment, however, coupled with reckless spending by the present city government have reached such a point that not only the best interest of owners of real estate but that of every citizen of Boston demands the fullest publicity for facts such as those disclosed by the case above cited. Only by such publicity can the voters of Boston be made to realize the seriousness of the situation and can a public opinion be aroused that will force our city government to cease its extravagance.

Silverman's statement follows:

We believe that the property was sold at that ridiculously low figure

to someone owning the property next door. It was purchased in the name of a straw man and the real owner is the owner of the next door property. It was really given away at that price.

What's the real reason for such a deal? When we discover that we shall be in position to give the real estate exchange some more facts to go with its story.

I am not satisfied that it could not have been sold for more. There is no question in my mind but that a better price could have been obtained. The sale looks funny to me in view of the fact that Dowling was willing to pay taxes on \$75,000 valuation himself and so declared in a sworn statement which he filed with the board of assessors. That's one piece of the record omitted from the exchange's statement.

There you have the situation whereby Dowling establishes the value of the property he controls at a figure \$30,000 in excess of the valuation set by the board of tax appeals. He is answerable, of course, to the estate he represents; but we are curious to know the identity of the real purchaser.

The city of Boston did drop the appeal to the supreme court but the statement fails to tell that it was withdrawn after repeated pleas made to us by Dowling. We were

asked to request in six different times to withdraw the appeal to save his estate from the costs of it. We yielded, but reluctantly.

#### PREPARED TO REDUCE

It's true that the assessors were prepared to reduce the assessment but that was a shotgun compromise on their part. They were willing to compromise because they knew that when the appeal got to the state board the assessment would be ruthlessly reduced without rhyme or reason far below the actual value. We have no chance of winning before that board.

We'll reinstate the value of the property in next year's assessment and let them appeal again. The real estate exchange is engaged in a low practice of furthering its own selfish business interests by attempting to transfer the burden of those of the small home owners, taxation from its own shoulders to You don't hear of the small property owners going to the state tax appeal board.

The Chicago situation developed to its present dangerous situation because of a racket in abatements almost identical with that which the exchange now is engaged in.

That's just what we are endeavoring now to stop.

It's childish and silly to see them discussing an excessive debt limit. I am amazed at the boldness of such men trying to destroy the credit of our city. If they succeed, they will produce financial chaos here. They should be condemned and it is all the more reprehensible because it is being done for selfish mercenary reasons by them.

Wait until the mayor gets back. He'll be in position to tell them facts that they omitted from their complete story of the Hanover street deal and he'll add some other cases for them to explain.

## WOMAN HIT BY CAR OF MAYOR'S SON DIES

Sally Bean of Springfield  
Injured Last Saturday

Mayor Curley's son, Leo F. Curley, 16, while operating his car on Huntington av at the corner of Forsyth st at 1:45 o'clock last Saturday morning struck a woman, who died from her injuries at the City Hospital at 9:18 last night. The woman's death revealed the accident for the first time.

The victim, Miss Sally Bean, 48, of 130 Byers st, Springfield, was listed as suffering from alcoholism as well as multiple contusions and abrasions about the body and possible fracture of the ribs when she was brought into the City Hospital following the accident in a passing car operated by Frank Ryan of 99 West st, Newton.

This morning, or later, officers of Division 16 will go to the Roxbury District Court and present the circumstances of the accident to the court. It will be at the court's discretion whether or not young Curley shall be held on a technical charge of manslaughter or any other charge. This is the usual procedure in fatal accidents, no matter how innocent the driver may be.

Young Curley was driving outbound on Huntington av at the corner of Forsyth st. The woman was crossing Huntington av and was only a short distance from the curb when she was hit. Police say she apparently stepped directly into the path of the car.

The accident was investigated by patrolman William E. Lindall, the officer on that route. He made his report to Division 16. The physician who examined Miss Bean at the City Hospital the morning of her admission was Dr. Lawrence H. McCarthy.

Miss Bean gave the name of Milva Barbour of 42 Barbour st, Springfield, as the friend or relative to be notified of the accident. Following Miss Bean's death last night, her body was re-moved to the Southern Mortuary. Young Curley gave his address as 350 Jamaica way, the Mayor's address.

## CITY MUST GIVE \$105,400 FOR TAKING OVER LAND

A Suffolk County jury yesterday awarded Slayton & Boynton, Inc. \$105,400 for the taking by the city of Boston of land and buildings at Blackstone and North sts, North End. The taking, one of 13,000 square feet, was made for the new vehicular tunnel to East Boston.

Real estate experts put on the stand by William Flaherty, counsel for the petitioner, set the value of the property at between \$120,000 and \$150,000, while city witnesses produced by Asst Corporation Counsel Joseph P. Lyons said the property was worth from \$65,000 to \$69,000. The property was assessed at \$65,000.

## CURLEY PROPOSES WATERWAYS TRADE

Would Swap Support with Mississippi River Boosters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—A trade in congressional support between Massachusetts and Mississippi river waterway project advocates, was proposed to the deeper waterways convention today by Mayor James M. Curley of Boston.

The mayor said he would urge the Massachusetts congressional delegation to "support the Mississippi project for

an expenditure of two billion dollars by the government for flood control, hydro-electric development and commercial development and in return expected that the delegates from the territory served by the Mississippi river, would support the projects which Massachusetts is interested in, namely, the Cape Cod Canal and Boston harbor developments.

The mayor said he received "very general assurance" from the delegates that they "would work with us on the projects."



# REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE IN SHARP ATTACK

Declares Downtown Assessments Boosted to Mislead Investors

CITES \$26,000 SALE  
OF \$125,000 PARCEL

Mayor Away — Silverman Explains Deal—Raps Attack on City's Credit

By W. E. MULLINS

Mayor Curley was directly charged last night with collecting excessively large taxes from downtown real estate owners and also with having established the debt limit at a higher figure than it ought to be, thus giving to purchasers of Boston's bonds and notes a false impression of the real security afforded them.

The most sensational attack that has been fired at the mayor in the controversy over realty assessments was directed at him by the Boston real estate exchange. The criticism was provoked by developments in the tax abatement case on property at 17-21 Hanover street. The property, originally assessed for \$125,000, has recently been sold for \$26,000.

In carrying the fight to the mayor, the exchange inferred that the city government is engaged in "racketeering" at the expense of property owners. Such inflated assessments, the statement read, produced the existing financial difficulties in Chicago and Fall River. Apprehension was expressed lest a similar situation arise here.

Overassessment, coupled with reckless spending, has reached a point of danger, in the opinion of the exchange. It hopes that the publicity attending its alleged expose will impress on the citizens the seriousness of the situation to force the city government to cease its extravagances.

In the absence of Mayor Curley from the city, Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman countered with a charge that the Hanover street property had been disposed of to a straw purchaser. He expressed amazement at the procedure of the real estate exchange in its alleged attempt to destroy the credit of the city, which is second to no other municipality in the country, in his opinion.

"Chicago," said Silverman, "was brought to the verge of bankruptcy by just such tax abatement practices as those now being practised by members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange. Their aim is to destroy the credit of the city."

childish coming from men of their supposedly exalted standing.

"The Real Estate Exchange," he continued, "has begun a quarrel which it must be compelled to finish. Its members should hang their heads in shame because their silly attack, if taken seriously by thinking individuals, well might produce a situation financial chaos in the city."

In reviewing the Hanover street case, the exchange charged that after the state tax appeal board had reduced the assessment from \$125,000 to \$45,000 it was subsequently valued at \$22,500 by the state legacy tax department and eventually sold for the trustees by John C. L. Dowling for \$26,000.

Although the exchange accused the city of withdrawing its appeal to the supreme court with surprising suddenness Silverman declared that the withdrawal had been ordered only after Dowling had pleaded with the city on six different occasions to end the controversy. The city, Silverman continued, was entirely willing and adequately prepared to carry the appeal to the supreme court.

He said that the city had no intention of abiding by the decision of the tax appeal board as final and that the assessment would be imposed without regard to the controversy when the assessors again valued the property next year. He said that the real reason for disposing of the property at the ridiculously low figure would demonstrate some "funny business."

The complete statement of the real estate exchange follows:

Some weeks ago Mayor Curley of Boston made an entirely unwarranted attack on the Massachusetts board of tax appeals because of its decision in the case of Dowling vs. the board of assessors of Boston by which the assessment of a property which had been a part of the old Marston's Restaurant on Hanover street was reduced from \$125,000 to \$45,000. Since then his honor has continued his attacks on the board in an effort to work up sentiment favoring its abolition. He has talked of "an abatement racket," and has insinuated improper collusion between owners of real estate seeking abatement, their attorneys, and the board of tax appeals. On the basis of the facts in the above case, all of which are a matter of public record, who were the racketeers—the owners seeking common justice, or the city authorities who refused it and tried to collect nearly three times the amount of the tax to which the city was justly entitled?

Common justice demands that the complete story of the Hanover street property now be given full publicity. Owing to the fact that the corporation counsel of Boston had filed an appeal to the supreme judicial court from the decision of the board of tax appeals in this case, it did not seem proper to publish the story at an earlier date. However, the city has now acquiesced in the justice of the decision of the board of tax appeals by withdrawing its appeal and the property has just been sold for much less than the value set on the property by the board. The story can now be told. Here are the facts:

## TAX BILL OF \$3850

The property, 17-21 Hanover street, having a frontage of 32 feet and a depth of 92 feet and containing 2865 square feet, was taxed in 1930 by the assessors of Boston on a valuation of \$125,000, of which \$100,200 was on land and \$24,800 on the building, which

A substantial abatement by the city of \$3750 on the tax bill was received representing a reduction in the valuation from \$125,000 to \$106,300.

The case was taken to the state board of tax appeals where full hearings were held, during which two of the Boston assessors in their testimony acknowledged that the valuation did not exceed \$90,000, while appraisers for the owners fixed the valuation at figures between \$30,000 and \$35,000. On Sept. 24, the state board of tax appeals

granted an abatement of \$1,888.04, with costs, on the tax bill; thus fixing the valuation of the property at \$45,000.

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

On Oct. 14, 1931, notice of appeal from this decision to the supreme judicial court was given to the state board by the corporation counsel for the city of Boston. The state board granted extensions of the time for filing of the appeal on Nov. 2 and again on Nov. 9. On Nov. 20 notice was filed with the board of a withdrawal of the appeal on the part of the city of Boston.

Papers have just been recorded in the sale of the property and the price was \$26,000.

In the meantime the Suffolk county probate court has approved a sale for \$12,000, of a half interest in the property, which was held by an estate in process of administration. Besides this the Massachusetts legacy tax department has also fixed a valuation for taxation of the same half interest at \$22,500.

In other words, here we have a property owner assessed on a valuation of \$125,000. He asks for an abatement of taxes and is forced by the city either to accept a valuation of \$106,300 or to go to the expense of an appeal to the board of tax appeals, even though two of the board of assessors who had fixed that valuation later testified under oath that the property was not worth over \$90,000. The board of tax appeals fixed a valuation of \$45,000; the probate court of Suffolk county allows a sale by an estate of a half interest for \$12,000; and even the Massachusetts legacy tax department, which naturally takes as full a valuation as it can consistently maintain for tax purposes, is satisfied with a tax on a valuation of \$22,500 for the same half interest. To complete the story, the property has just been sold for \$26,000.

## INFLATED ASSESSMENT

Unreasonable attacks on real estate owners for asking perfectly proper abatements of excessive taxation and on the board of tax appeals for granting reasonable abatements cannot hide the fact that Boston real estate is greatly over-valued for tax purposes. While the case above cited is undoubtedly an extreme one, inflated assessment exists, in our opinion, in most of downtown Boston and in some other parts of the city.

This condition is unhealthy. It means that Boston is collecting an improperly large income from real estate taxes. It means further that the debt limit of the city is higher than it ought to be, and the ratio of outstanding indebtedness to



## To Push Bay State Waterway Projects

### Unofficial Committee of Congressmen Formed Following Curley Meeting

Special to the Transcript:

Washington, Dec. 11—A special unofficial committee from both houses will look after Massachusetts rivers and harbors interests as a result of the meeting called by Senator David I. Walsh to give Mayor James M. Curley of Boston an opportunity to lay Massachusetts projects before the Bay State delegation. The projects of special interest are the improvement of Boston Harbor and the Cape Cod Canal. This committee will include Senator Marcus A. Coolidge and Congressmen McCormack, Douglass, Tinkham and Gifford. Unless there is a general rivers and harbors bill at this session, chances for other than maintenance appropriations for these projects is very unlikely, but this committee will stand ready to look after Bay State interests, and if the opportunity occurs, it will take the lead in pushing necessary legislation.

## Mayor's Son in Auto Fatality

On next Wednesday a hearing will be held in the Roxbury Court in connection with a fatal automobile accident in which a car driven by Leo F. Curley, sixteen-year-old son of the mayor of Boston, struck Miss Sally Bean, forty-eight, on 130 Byers street, Springfield. The accident occurred last Saturday at Huntington avenue and Forsyth street as Miss Byers was about to cross the avenue. She died last night at the City Hospital.

This morning, young Curley visited the Roxbury Court house in company with Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman. The police did not make any application in the case and it was announced that on Wednesday, Judge Frankland L. W. Miles will take up the matter.

## City Loses Another Land Case in Court

Though the city of Boston won four previous land damage cases before a jury, on appeals from awards by the city, the latest case to be tried, that of Slayton & Boynton, Inc., for the taking of land and buildings at Blackstone and North streets, North End, for the new vehicular tunnel to East Boston, was decided against the arguments of the law department.

The taking was one of 13,000 square feet. Experts placed on the stand by William Flaherty, counsel for the petitioner, set the value of the property at between \$120,000 and \$150,000, while witnesses for the city produced by Assistant Corporation Counsel J. P. Lyons, testified that the property was worth from \$65,000 to \$63,000. The property was assessed at \$65,000. The jury award was \$105,400.

## REALTY CHARGE CALLED 'SILLY'

### Silverman Scoffs at Claim Downtown Property Is Overassessed

Replying to charges by the Boston Real Estate Exchange that the city had collected excessively large taxes from downtown real estate, Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, in the absence of Mayor Curley, declared the exchange had started a quarrel which it must finish and branded the charges as a silly attack.

The exchange directed its attack at the mayor, as the result of developments in the tax abatement case on property at 17-21 Hanover street, which, assessed for \$125,000, recently sold for \$25,000.

Silverman said the Hanover street property had been disposed of to a straw purchaser and was amazed at any attempt on the part of the real estate exchange to destroy the credit of the city. He declared if taken seriously, the attack well might result in financial chaos in the city. He added the mayor would have something to say when he statement:

The exchange charged further that the mayor had set the debt limit at a higher figure than it should be, and intimated the city government is engaged in "racketeering" at the expense of property owners.

## CURLEY CASE IS CONTINUED

### Hearing on Application for Manslaughter Com- plaint Set for Dec. 16

A hearing on application for a complaint for manslaughter against Leo Curley, 16-year-old son of the mayor, growing out of the death of Miss Sally Bean, 48, struck by the boy's automobile Saturday morning at Huntington avenue and Forsyth street, was continued to Dec. 16 by Judge Frankland W. L. Miles in Roxbury court today.

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## Would List Firms Started Before 1800

Request was made today by the city of Boston committee on the George Washington bi-centennial celebration next year for further information as to business concerns, organizations or associations in Boston or in other cities and towns of the metropolitan district, that have been in existence since before the year 1800.

The information is wanted for a book that will be published by the National Commission.

The statement of the United States Commission received by the mayor's committee from Hon. Sol Bloom, associate director, specifies the plan and wants as follows:

"This commission is gathering material for a book to be published shortly, dealing with present-day organizations which were founded prior to the year 1800, and which have been in continuous existence since that time.

"We feel that behind this splendid record there is a story never before written—the story of what essential element, what underlying policy of administration has made such success over so long a period possible."

It is desired that either in the form of a letter or an article of not more than 500 words, shall be given the early history of each organization or business concern of the requisite age, including the policy of success. If a business, what was made or sold at the beginning? How were goods distributed, and to whom? Did your predecessors supply materials or render service to the Continental soldiers or to the early Government? If an organization or society, what were the original and successive forms of policy and the service rendered to people and the community?"



## MOSES AND CURLEY PRAISED BY CONRY

[Special Dispatch to The Herald]

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 10—Senator George H. Moses of New Hampshire has all the qualifications of a Republican candidate for President, and Mayor Curley of Boston could very well carry out the duties of vice-president if nominated by the Democratic party. Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry of Boston declared in an address at the Country Club tonight.

Assenting that both Moses and Curley are national figures, Conry said: "If Mayor Curley should be called on to preside over the United States Senate, he would soothe all warring elements. Mayor Curley invites American attention to Boston as Senator Moses throws the spotlight on the Granite State. Curley and Moses are both stirred with the ambition to make New England the hospitable centre of the social life of America."

## CITY RELIEF BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Discusses All Phases of Unemployment Problem

All phases of the unemployment relief problem were discussed yesterday by 15 members of the executive committee of the Boston emergency committee on unemployment at its first meeting yesterday at the chamber of commerce. Action was taken on four pertinent angles. They were: First, that a fund be raised by public subscription for unemployment relief; second, that the necessary amount be determined at an early date by a sub-committee; third, that the money which shall be raised be expended only for unemployment relief and only by the municipal department of public welfare; fourth, that all plans concerning the technique of fund raising be referred to the sub-committee on finance.

After the meeting it was announced that the finance committee will meet this afternoon.

The executive committee includes William T. Taylor, chairman; Louis E. Kirstein and P. A. O'Connell, vice-chairmen; Roy H. Cushman, Alvan T. Fuller, Dr. William H. Griffin, Henry I. Harriman, Matt B. Jones, Frank Levroni, Gen. Edward L. Logan, James T. Moriarty, the Rev. Thomas R. Reynolds, Dr. Ben M. Seligman, Frederic S. Snyder, Philip Stockton, Mrs. Eva Whiting White, Mrs. Willard Dana Woodbury and Charles W. Harvey.

## TRANSCRIPT 12/14/31 Ryan Suspends Curley's License

Pending a complete investigation of the matter, Morgan T. Ryan, registrar of motor vehicles, today suspended the operator's license of Leo F. Curley, sixteen-year-old son of Mayor Curley, who was recently involved in a fatal accident. The registrar's statement follows:

"I have today suspended the operator's license of Leo F. Curley of 350 Jamaica way, Jamaica Plain, son of Mayor Curley. The mayor's son was involved in a fatal accident on Dec. 5, 1931, when the car he was driving struck down Miss Sally Bean, forty-eight years of age, of 130 Byers street, Springfield, when she stepped off the curbstone. The machine operated by Leo Curley was registered in the name of Mary D. Curley. As a result of the injuries she received, Miss Bean died Dec. 10 at the Boston City Hospital.

"This suspension of young Curley's license is merely the action which is always taken by the registrar in every fatal case, pending investigation of the circumstances of the accident. Of course, if it is found that Leo Curley was not seriously at fault, his license will be restored to him."

## HOPE 12/12/31 DEFER COURT ACTION IN LEO CURLEY CASE

Ryan's Men Investigate  
Auto Fatality

As police did not have all their witnesses in court, action on the application for warrants charging Leo F. Curley, 16-year-old son of Mayor Curley, with manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Sadie M. Bean of Springfield, and operating an automobile to endanger the public, was deferred by Judge Frankland W. L. Miles in Roxbury Court yesterday. Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman appeared for young Curley. In-



MRS SADIE M. BEAN

spector Carter of the Registry of Motor Vehicles was also in court. No action has yet been taken by Morgan T. Ryan, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, against the Mayor's son. Registrar Ryan said yesterday: "Inspectors attached to the Registry of Motor Vehicles are making an investigation of the case. I expect to receive their report by tomorrow morning, at which time I will make a further statement."

## Known as "Sally"

Mrs. Bean was fatally injured at Huntington av and Forsyth st last Saturday. She was a nationally-known home economics expert. Because of her kindly disposition and her frequent lectures throughout the country as "Sally" Bean.

For the past seven years Mrs. Bean directed the home economics activities of the Walker & Pratt Manufacturing Company, Boston. During that time she traveled extensively, lecturing before women's clubs and other

organizations. She was a member of the National Electric Light Association and served on many important committees dealing with home economics in that organization. Only recently she had completed a tour along the Atlantic seaboard and through the South. Previous to her employment with Walker & Pratt Company she was connected with the Swartzbaugh Manufacturing Company of Toledo, O. She had also lectured in many sections of the country for this concern.

## Leaves Many Relatives

Besides her daughter, Miss Elsie Bean of Springfield, Mrs. Bean is survived by her parents, Mr and Mrs Otis Barbour of 42 Barbour st, also of Springfield; four brothers, Carl and Walter Barbour of Springfield, John of Hartford, Conn. and Edward of Indian Orchard, and three sisters, Mrs. Agnes Barrett of Lowell, Mrs. Edith Bronson of Rochester, N. Y. and Mrs. Laura Gugione of Reuben, Idaho.

The funeral will be held Monday morning at Byron's Funeral Parlor, State st, Springfield. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, that city.

## MILK DEALERS BACK CURLEY

Indorse Ban on Products  
Not Approved Here.

Mayor Curley's stand in the present milk situation was emphatically indorsed last night at the close of a two-day session of the Boston and Suburban Milk Dealers' Association, during which ways to stabilize local milk marketing conditions were discussed. It was agreed that the present disturbance is proving disastrous to the New England dairymen, and that it is an echo of the same faulty control of overproduction, which is being felt in other industries.

That the processes involved in the production and shipment of dairy products, with the constant sanitary considerations, are most intricate, was agreed. The distributors expressed a hope of seeing a perfected dairy system, which will better control the production and convert the surplus milk into cream, butter and the other products.

The meeting went on record as saying:

"That this association indorses and approves the action of the Health Commissioner of Boston in issuing an order on Dec. 8, 1931, which forbids any dealer to bring into Boston for purposes of sale, any milk not approved by the Boston Health Department.

"That we deplore the conditions now existing in the milk industry, most especially its disastrous effect on the farmers of the New England States.

"We approve of some organization of all New England dairy farmers which will have for its aim the stabilizing of the milk and cream market so as to return to the farmer a fair living wage for his labor in producing a product of the high standard demanded by our people and the public."



# THOMAS J. HURLEY, CITY OFFICIAL, DEAD

Chairman of the Board of  
Street Commissioners

WINTHROP, Dec 11—Thomas J. Hurley, chairman of the Boston Board of Street Commissioners, died tonight at the Winthrop Community Hospital after a brief illness. Death was due to heart disease.

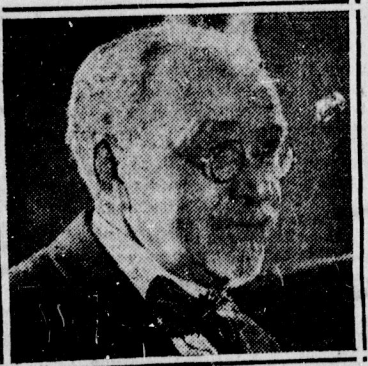
"Tom" Hurley, as he was known to everyone in Boston City Hall, was born in Liverpool, Eng. July 10, 1864, of Irish parentage. He came to this country with his parents when he was six years old and the family settled in the South End and were highly respected. He attended the public schools of this city and was graduated from the Brimmer School and Boston Latin School. He then entered Boston College and was graduated with the class of 1885. Two years later he received the degree of master of arts from the same college.

Mr Hurley entered the service of the city in 1888 as registrar in the election department. Later he became assistant clerk of committees under the late John Dever and when the city charter was changed in 1909, he was trans-

ferred to the Street Department and placed in charge of the issuance of permits.

## Appointed in 1925

March 23, 1925, Mayor Curley appointed him chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of John H. L. Noyes, who



THOMAS J. HURLEY

died suddenly. Ex-Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols reappointed him to this office and in January of last year, Mayor Curley reappointed him.

During the investigation by the Boston Finance Commission of the Exchange-st widening, in March, 1929, Mr Hurley was one of the principal witnesses.

While in office, he always held in the highest esteem by those under him and by all who had business with his department.

## Noted as Musician

"Tom" was an accomplished musician and possessed a beautiful tenor

voice. He was a member of the Young Men's Catholic Association. In 1925 he composed the musical score of a jubilee mass dedicated to Rev Fr John F. Cummins of Roslindale, which was sung at the golden jubilee mass of the venerable priest. He also composed "For Boston" and "Hail Alma Mater," favorite Boston College songs.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs Lucy A. Hurley, and three sons, Thomas S., Robert E., Gerald F., and three daughters, Mrs Genevieve S. Harris of Newton, Miss Isabel L. Hurley and Mrs James A. Donovan of Winthrop. He also leaves a brother, Dr John J. Hurley of Funchie, and a sister, Mrs Hugh McBreen of Belmont.

## HERALD 12/12/31 MAYOR PREDICTS HARBOR VICTORY

Coalition to Force Appropriation, He Says On Return from Capital

## FINDS SOUTH, WEST BACKING ROOSEVELT

Mayor Curley returned from Washington last night with a firm conviction that a non-partisan congressional coalition representing New England, the Northwest and the Mississippi river valley states will force a federal appropriation for the improvement of Boston harbor.

An agreement to pool the demands of the three distinct sections of the country for development of rivers and harbors is expected by the mayor to result in definite action at the present session of Congress in which the needs of Boston harbor will be at least partially provided for.

The mayor expressed satisfaction that the proposal of the port authority for deepening the main ship channel to 40 feet at low water from President Roads to a point in the upper harbor above Commonwealth pier will be favorably reported by army engineers.

## DELEGATION IN HARMONY

Conferences with Secretary of War Hurley and Secretary of the Navy Adams committed them, the mayor reported, to the channel improvement, and he is sanguine that the pressure which will be exerted by the congressional coalition will bring beneficial results, either in the regular rivers and harbors bill, or by a special measure referring exclusively to the local harbor.

"For the first time," said the mayor, "the entire Massachusetts delegation of senators and representatives is in harmony. I have been assured of con-

tinued action, both in relation to the Cape Cod canal widening, and to the harbor improvements which are estimated to involve \$4,000,000. I am satisfied that we will be allocated a very substantial appropriation at the present session."

The mayor showed enthusiasm in his characterization of the strength of sentiment he found in favor of the nomination of Gov. Roosevelt as the Democratic presidential candidate.

## SEES CALL FOR ROOSEVELT

"I talked with old friends with whom I served in Congress," said he, "and I was told that in the South, the middle West and throughout the entire West, there is unanimity of sentiment for Roosevelt. The situation, as it has been pictured to me, is so unprecedented that there appears to be every prospect of harmony in the nomination.

"Ever" representatives from Illinois informed me that that state will go for Roosevelt after Senator Lewis has been given recognition for two ballots.

"I did not hear a single discordant note in Washington with reference to Gov. Roosevelt. It appears to me that he is already assured of nomination."

## MAY ANSWER ATTACK

The mayor declined to answer the attack on him of the Boston real estate exchange, but intimated that he might prepare a reply today.

"I read the statement coming over from New York on the train, but it seems to be nothing but a rehash of similar statements from the same source."

He said that he plans to keep engagement to speak at the meeting of the Mayors' Club of M the Parker House 'his

## AMERICAN 12/12/31 CURLEY'S SON LOSES LICENSE

The driving license of Leo F. Curley, 18, son of Mayor Curley, was suspended at noon today by Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan, pending investigation of an accident a week ago that caused the death of Mrs. Sally Bean, 48, of Springfield.

Young Curley was driving the automobile given him as a birthday gift by his father when it knocked Miss Bean down at Forsyth st. and Huntington ave., Roxbury.

A hearing on the case is scheduled for Wednesday in Roxbury Court.

## CURLEY URGES HIGHER TAX ON STOCKS

Increase from 6 to 10 per cent in the state tax on income from stocks and bonds was urged by Mayor Curley today at a luncheon of the Mayors' Club in the Parker House. He advocated a law requiring automobile owners to pay their motor vehicle excise tax before getting registration certificates.



TRANSCRIPT

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## Thomas J. Hurley Was in City's Service 43 Years

Following an illness of five weeks, Thomas J. Hurley, chairman of the Boston Board of Street Commissioners, died at the Winthrop Community Hospital last night. From the day he was stricken with heart trouble in his office at City Hall Annex he never returned to his desk. The serious nature of the illness was a shock from the first to Mr. Hurley's legion of friends who had not suspected that he was in failing health, though the burden of his duties, especially in traffic matters, was known to be trying.

Mr. Hurley had been in the city's employ for forty-three years, or practically the entire time since leaving college. It was in 1888 that he became a registrar in the election department. After five years' service there he became an assistant clerk of the old board of Aldermen and Common Council, and when the 1909 charter revision took away from the two branches the routine in the granting of miscellaneous permits, placing the power with the street commission, Mr. Hurley was made head of the permit division, maintaining a separate office on the third floor of City Hall. For sixteen years he operated that division. When John H. L. Noyes, chairman of the Street Commission, died in 1925, Mr. Hurley was appointed to the board by Mayor Curley and elected to the chairmanship. That was the position he held to the time of his death.

Mr. Hurley was one of the key men in city affairs. Serving successively under Mayors O'Brien, Hart, Matthews, Curtis, Quincy, Collins, Wheldon, Fitzgerald, Hibbard, Curley, Peters and Nichols, he had the respect of all, but it was not until Mayor Curley's second administration that Mr. Hurley was elevated to a position of power and influence at the head of a department which was burdened with the innumerable details of street-laying out and construction as well as that of the formulation of traffic rules. Three years later the traffic burden was shifted to a newly-created department, but by provision of law Mr. Hurley, as chairman of the street commission, served as one of the associate traffic commissioners.

Quick and determined in his judgments, sure of himself on all important matters, resistant to the pressure of those who sought peculiar advantages at the expense of the public and an administrator who held his department to strict accountability, Chairman Hurley not only impressed the chief executives with his ability but the public as well. He was as sturdy in the defence of his opinions in the presence of the mayor as he was in the quiet counsel of his own office. Mr. Curley's recent praise of Joseph A. Rourke, commissioner of public works, as one of the most outstanding of city officials, could well have been applied to Mr. Hurley. These two men worked together in the planning of some of the greatest street improvements the city has ever conducted—the one a trained engineer of forceful character and the other the possessor of an academic college training and of equally spirited personality. On learning of Chairman Hurley's death, Mayor Curley remarked: "No man has ever served the city with greater fidelity, ability and honesty."

Few men in the city service have been as well known as "Tom" Hurley, as he was familiarly called. He was born in Liverpool, England, July 10, 1864, coming to this country with his parents at the age of six. The family settled in the South End and the boy attended the Brimmer

School and the Boston Latin School. He was graduated from Boston College with the class of 1885 and received his master's degree two years later. Soon after his college days he married Lucy A. McCarthy, who survives him, as well as three sons, Thomas S. Hurley of West Roxbury, Robert E. Hurley of Winthrop and Gerald F. Hurley of Belmont; three daughters, Mrs. Howard S. Harris of Newton Center, Mrs. James A. Donovan and Miss Isabel L. Hurley of Winthrop, and a brother, Dr. John Hurley of 466 Commonwealth avenue.

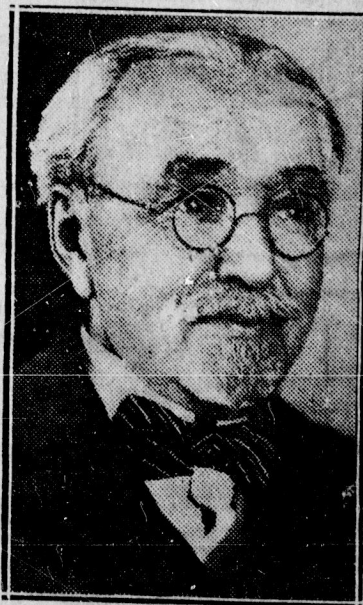
As well known for his musical ability as for his service at City Hall, Mr. Hurley served for more than thirty years as tenor soloist and director of the choir at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and for almost a similar period leader in the development of the glee club of the Young Men's Catholic Association.

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## STREET BOARD CHIEF IS DEAD

Thomas J. Hurley in City's  
Service 43 Years



THOMAS J. HURLEY

Chairman of Boston street commissioners, who died yesterday.

Thomas J. Hurley, chairman of the board of street commissioners of Boston, and one of the best beloved officials at City Hall, died last night after a long illness at Winthrop Community Hospital at the age of 67.

His wife and children had been at his bedside constantly since he was stricken by a heart attack Nov. 15.

Chairman Hurley had been in the service of the city 43 years and 23 years of that time was in various capacities in the street department. He was regarded as the best informed man in that department.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Lucy A. McCarthy of Boston, and three sons, Thomas S. of West Roxbury, Robert E. of Winthrop and Gerald F. Hurley, and three daughters, Mrs. Howard S. Harris of Newton, Mrs. James A. Donovan of Winthrop and Miss Isabel L. Hurley of Winthrop.

Post 12/12/31

## MAYOR CURLEY RETURNS HOME

Confident of Federal  
Funds for Harbor Work

Mayor Curley returned home last night from Washington expressing confidence that his five-day visit to the capital would result in the appropriation of federal funds for the proper development of the harbor facilities here.

Congressmen from various sections of the country with whom he conferred had agreed to support the united Bay State delegation in the fight to obtain at last improvements for this port which have been the subject of agitation for a score of years.

While picking up congressional votes for Boston appropriations in the rivers and harbors bill, the Mayor took advantage of his opportunity to inquire regarding the political sentiment in various sections of the country on the impending presidential campaign.

"Governor Roosevelt of New York will win the Democratic nomination on the second ballot, after the favorite sons split their home town bouquets on the first roll call," said the Mayor.

## HERALD 12/12/31 SUSPENDS LICENSE OF LEO CURLEY

Ryan Acts Following Fatal  
Auto Accident

Morgan T. Ryan, registrar of motor vehicles, today announced that the license of Leo Curley, 16-year-old son of the mayor, who was involved in a fatal auto accident last Saturday morning at Huntington avenue and Forest street, has been suspended.

It was expected that this step is taken under the provision of the law, and is a mandatory one. The suspension will stand until an inquest on the death of the victim, Miss Sally Bean, 48, is held, and a finding made known.

A hearing on application for a complaint charging manslaughter will be held next Wednesday in Roxbury court. It was continued from yesterday, on account of the absence of witnesses.

## RECORD 12/12/31 CITY HOSPITAL GETS MILLION IN TYLER WILL

Boston City Hospital will benefit to the extent of \$1,000,000 under the will of Charles Hitchcock Tyler, wealthy Boston and Beverly lawyer, filed yesterday at Salem. A suggestion made casually in conversation by Dr. George Gray Sears, a trustee of the hospital, led to the bequest.

The money is left for the erection and equipment of a laboratory to enable the carrying on of surgical research.





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(Daily Record Photo.)

**\$1,000,000 Project** for the improvement of Boston Harbor and Cape Cod canal will receive support of most eastern congressmen, Mayor Curley, left, announced last night on his return to Boston after convention at Washington. Ben Gershon of Daily Record staff, right.

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## CURLEY GIVES TO FUND OF FAULKNER HOSPITAL

Praises Campaign in Letter to Dr. Edward L. Young, Jr.

A contribution of \$25 from Mayor Curley to the \$500,000 fund sought by the Faulkner Hospital to remove indebtedness has been received by the fund committee.

In a letter accompanying his gift, addressed to Dr. Edward L. Young, Jr., chief staff surgeon at the institution, the mayor said:

I am in entire sympathy with the splendid work being conducted by the Faulkner Hospital and sincerely trust that the drive for funds needed to conduct the splendid activities of your institution will meet with generous public support.

I beg to inclose my mite in the sum of \$25, with the sincere wish that it may serve as an incentive to others, who are in a position financially to do so, to contribute in a larger way and for those who, like myself, are constantly importuned, to give what their means will permit.

## CURLEY'S SON'S CASE CONTINUED TO DEC. 16

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## Hearing for Son of Curley Wednesday

A hearing was set for Wednesday in Roxbury court yesterday in the case of Miss Sally Bean, 48, who was accidentally struck Saturday night and killed by an auto alleged to have been operated by Leo Curley, 16, son of Mayor Curley.

Young Curley, accompanied by Corp. Counsel Samuel Silverman, appeared at court for questioning in connection with the accident. Social Officer Jean McGuire of the Back Bay station said he did not wish to file a complaint at that time and asked for a continued hearing. Registrar Ryan is investigating the case but has taken no action as yet.

## CURLEY FINDS SUPPORT FOR BIG PORT JOB

The \$4,000,000 project for the improvement of Boston Harbor and the Cape Cod Canal will receive the support of most eastern congressmen, irrespective of party affiliations, Mayor Curley announced last night on his return from the Rivers and Harbors convention at Washington.

That support was assured him, he said, at a Senate chamber luncheon at which Sen. David I. Walsh presided. During the convention the mayor proposed four major improvements of Boston harbor suggested to him by the Boston Port Authority.

The mayor's party arrived at Back Bay station last night at 8 o'clock. In it were Miss Mary E. Curley, Frank G. Davis of the Chamber of Commerce, Thomas J. A. Johnson of the Boston Port Authority and Cornelius A. Reardon, secretary to the mayor.

## HURLEY DIES; IN EMPLOY OF CITY 43 YEARS

Thomas A. Hurley, 67, Boston street commissioner, died at the Winthrop Community Hospital last night from heart trouble, after a three weeks' illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Boston College Chapel on Monday morning, according to tentative plans made last night. He graduated from Boston College in 1885.

Hurley entered the service of the city in 1888 and served as an election registrar, clerk of committees, permit chief in the street department. In 1925 he became the street commissioner.

He is survived by his wife, Lucie A., three daughters, Isabel, Mrs. H. H. Harris and Mrs. A. Donovan, and three sons, Thomas S., Robert and Gerald.



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# \$1,000,000 BEQUEST TO CITY HOSPITAL

## Charles H. Tyler's Will Gives Sum For Surgical Annex—Also \$1,000,000 to Art Museum

At about the same time yesterday that the trustees of the Boston City Hospital were considering the need of asking \$5,000,000 from the General Court for the erection of a surgical annex to the hospital, in Salem Court, where the will of Charles H. Tyler, Boston lawyer, was being probated, it was disclosed that \$1,000,000 had been bequeathed the hospital for a surgical addition.

The will of Mr Tyler—known personally as a collector of Americana, a dog fancier and cattle breeder, a corporation lawyer, former lecturer at Boston University, and for six years the partner of Owen D. Young—had only four other provisions.

It directed that three sums of \$50,000 be given to three of his friends, and that the remainder of the estate, which may be well over another \$1,000,000, in value, go to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

### Friend of Trustee

Behind his two major bequests, those to the Boston City Hospital and to the Boston Art Museum, is the story of a life devoted to the collection of antiques and to his friendship for Prof. George G. Sears of Harvard Medical School, a trustee of the Boston City Hospital and the physician who attended Mr Tyler at his home in Beverly where he died Dec 7.

Dr Sears, who lives at 426 Beacon st, was one of the trustees present at the meeting yesterday to discuss the need of an addition to the hospital. He is one of the foremost heart specialists in New England, but he has been retired from practice for some years. It was only because of his friendship for Mr Tyler that he accepted him as a patient.

Out of respect for that favor, Mr Tyler requested in his will that the proposed addition to the hospital be named after Dr Sears, who, as a member of the board of trustees of the hospital, would be one of the directors connected with the management of the proposed surgical annex.

The terms of the will, written in Mr Tyler's own hand, read: "I leave \$1,000,000 to the Boston City Hospital to establish a laboratory for surgical research, the latter to be conducted

in memory of Dr George S. Sears and to be appropriately designated as such. I leave \$500,000 for the building and the equipment, the remainder to be held in trust, its income to be used for salaries.

"The building is to be a complete unit, with wards and operating rooms. It is to be under the care and direction of the surgical laboratory, the director of which is to be appointed by the trustees of the hospital, but only after consultation with the members of the corporations of Harvard University or Tufts College.

"In order that the highest type of man be selected to work in the laboratory, I suggest that the director chosen be given the privilege of selecting his own assistants.

"The ward shall be open to any surgical patient admitted to the hospital provided the patient does not fill a bed which is needed for a patient in a surgical condition requiring special care."

Dr Sears could not be reached last night, but Joseph P. Manning, president of the board of trustees of the hospital, was visibly elated when he learned about the gift. He told how the trustees had been considering asking for a surgical addition only yesterday.

He was particularly pleased when he learned that Dr Sears was mentioned, although he could not recall having ever before heard the name of Mr Tyler.

"I have been with the hospital for 22 years," said Mr Manning, commenting upon the \$1,000,000-gift, "and I think Mr Tyler has made some excellent provisions in his will. It is a fine tribute to Dr Sears, who is one of the finest heart specialists in this section of the country. We certainly need the money."

Dr Henry S. Rowen, another trustee, who was reached at his home, said, "That is great news for the hospital. We can use that money to great advantage."

He also was unacquainted with Mr Tyler, but had great praise for the attorney and the manner in which he chose to distribute his estate.

### Named Executor

Karl Singer of 1781 Commonwealth av, former secretary of Mr Tyler, was named executor, and Mr Tyler asked that his former secretary not be required to file any bond. Mr Singer has one year in which to present an inventory to the Salem Probate Court.

Some idea of the extent of the museum gift may be learned from the fact that Mr Tyler was a rival of the late Eugene Bowles in collecting Americana, early furniture, art and silver and chinaware. When Mr Bowles died he left his collection to

the Metropolitan Museum in New York and it formed the nucleus of the American wing of that museum. Mr Tyler's collection is said to be more valuable than Mr Bowles'.

After gifts of \$150,000 are paid, the museum is made residuary legatee.

"The museum," says the will, "may take what part of my property in my houses and my storehouses as it may desire for purposes of the museum."

Some estimate of the fine objects of early historical value that may soon come into the possession of the Art Museum may be gathered from the fact that Mr Tyler was a pioneer collector of early American antiques, many of which are in his homes in New Hampshire, Boston, the Carolinas and Beverly.

His collection of china, silver and furniture is reputed to be one of the finest private collections in the country. It was mostly acquired while he was carrying on his friendly rivalry in collecting with the late Mr Bowles.

## HERALD 12/13/31 CURLEY PRAISES TYLER'S BEQUEST

### Sees \$1,000,000 Gift as Expression of Love for City

In an official expression of appreciation of the bequest by Charles H. Tyler of \$1,000,000 for the establishment and maintenance of a surgical research laboratory at the City Hospital, Mayor Curley yesterday expresses hope that the generosity of Tyler will be emulated by others.

The specific reservation by Tyler that only \$500,000 shall be expended for the laboratory was cited by the mayor as a splendid example of thoughtfulness in that compliance with the terms of the bequest will not commit the city to any expense.

The mayor added that there is adequate room at the hospital for the laboratory which will be named in honor of Dr. George G. Sears. The mayor's statement:

The most generous bequest of Charles H. Tyler of \$1,000,000 for the establishment of a laboratory for surgical research to the Boston City Hospital, to be named in honor of his friend, Dr. George G. Sears, is most pleasing news. His request that the building be named in honor of his friend of a lifetime is the highest possible tribute which one man could pay to another.

The desire that there be established a surgical laboratory at the Boston City Hospital is an expression not only of love for the city but of faith in this great institution. It has been truly said that "when we depart this life we take with us only that which we give during our stay here." In departing this life, Charles H. Tyler takes with him the prayers and good wishes of the sick of Boston, who as a consequence of his great benefaction will be benefited in perpetuity. May the splendid example of service and generosity which he has furnished the public be noted and emulated.



By W. E. MULLINS

Gov. Ely is eternally grateful to Al Smith for that important political speech he made in the Arena just prior to the climax of the 1930 election campaign. That single address has been regarded by many politicians as the turning point which resulted in the defeat of Gov. Allen.

The Governor demonstrated his gratitude for that big push given his wavering cause on that occasion by his procedure Friday in practically pledging the support of the Massachusetts delegation to the next national Democratic convention, not to former Gov. Smith, but to the candidate of Smith's choice.

Now if Messrs. Ely and Smith only would take the Democrats into their confidence and disclose the identity of the candidate they will support, the decks may be cleared for a clean-cut fight. In 1924 and again in 1928 the war cry was "Al Smith." Now it has become "Al Smith's choice." That is not entirely characteristic of Mr. Ely. He is a leader, rarely a follower.

The Governor was one of the most militant leaders of the Bay state Democrats in the fight to nominate Smith at New York in 1924. Four years later, at Houston, although elected as a district delegate, the Governor was content to send along a substitute, but last year he was amply repaid by Smith for the time and energy and money expended at New York in 1924.

It seems to be fairly well established that Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York will not be supported by his predecessor at Albany. They have come to a parting of the ways. Gov. Ely's definite commitment to support the candidate favored by Smith accordingly means that he and Mayor Curley are destined to be on opposite sides of the contest that will be made for delegates in the presidential primary next spring.

#### MAY BE FOR BAKER

Numerous close observers have reached the conclusion that Smith will be for Newton D. Baker. Any one who recalls the lavish praise heaped by the Governor on the little giant of the Wilson cabinet a few weeks ago at the Boston City Club can realize how easy it would be for him to join with the party's 1928 standard bearer in a finish fight for Baker against Roosevelt.

Mayor Curley will not be diverted from his devotion to Roosevelt. During his recent visit to Washington he engaged in a long and intimate discussion with Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana on the situation. They discussed the possible developments of disension in the national convention and reached the conclusion that they will support Roosevelt and only Roosevelt. They have become diehards on the subject.

Wheeler told the mayor that many independent Republicans and thousands of farmers are determined to have Roosevelt for their candidate and that if the Democrats fail to nominate him they will advance him as an independent candidate. Possibly Vice-President Curtis had that angle surveyed when he announced that he would accept a renomination. Such a development would reproduce the 1912 campaign when Theodore Roosevelt led his famous third party revolt against President Taft.

It is entirely possible that Wheeler might associate himself with a third party movement. He did it once before. Mayor Curley has indorsed Wheeler's sentiments; but it is not possible to reconcile thoughts of Curley being associated with a third party. He has been

charged with many political sins by his enemies, but never have they convicted him of party irregularity. He always has been a Democrat in the final analysis.

The mayor has engaged in numerous unsuccessful primary fights, but he invariably has been found with his party's ticket in the election, however bitter the quarrel leading up to it.

#### FEROCIOUS PRIMARY FIGHT

He waged a ferocious fight against Ely in the 1930 primary, but he took the platform for him in the election.

He was bitterly disappointed when Champ Clark was deprived of the presidential nomination in 1912, but he supported Wilson. Even in 1920, when the urge to desert former Gov. Cox of Ohio on the League of Nations issue was impelling, he submerged his personal convictions, made some mental reservations and ended up by delivering the best political address that was made for Cox in the campaign. On another occasion he went to extreme lengths in an endeavor to nominate the late Sherman L. Whipple for the United States Senate, but in the election he campaigned for William A. Gaston. Curley will not be with a third party movement.

The gallant recklessness with which the mayor throws himself wholeheartedly into any contest in which he is interested holds forth promise of a long winter of interesting political discussions. He can fight as fiercely for an individual as he can for an issue, and because of his complete independence of the Democratic machine in this state he will have the leadership of the Roosevelt cause all to himself.

With the opening of the legislative session a little more than three weeks away, Gov. Ely will have little time to devote to presidential candidates. He has outlined a skeleton address for the opening of the session. For a fortnight he has been drafting sections of it, and the thoroughness of the preparation to which he has been devoting himself gives out the impression that it will be an unusual message, both in its scope and its language.

Meanwhile he is faced with a fight of an entirely different character. There have been mutters of discontent from various sources on the methods employed in awarding the big contract for the construction of the \$1,500,000 public works department building.

## LICENSE OF MAYOR'S SON LEO SUSPENDED

Under the statute the license to operate a motor vehicle held by Leo F. Curley, 16-year-old son of Mayor Curley, has been automatically suspended by Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan because of the accident in which young Curley's automobile hit and fatally injured Mrs. Sadie M. Bean of Springfield on Dec 5 in the Back Bay, the woman dying in the City Hospital Friday morning.

"This suspension of young Curley's license is merely the action which is always taken by the registrar in every fatal case, pending investigation of the circumstances of the accident," the announcement continues. It adds: "Of course, if it is found that Leo Curley was not seriously at fault his license will be restored to him."

## URGES MORE MONEY FOR VETERANS' KIN

Commander-in-Chief Lunn, U.S.W.V., Talks at Dinner

Pension increases for widows and orphans of veterans of all wars were advocated last night by George R. Lunn, national commander-in-chief, United Spanish War Veterans, speaking at a banquet in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce Building by the U. S. W. V. and the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War.

The dinner also commemorated the 33d anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris on Dec 10, 1898, which terminated the Spanish-American War. Maj. Emory Griswold, Massachusetts Department commander, U. S. W. V., presided. Col. Edward J. Gihon, past commander-in-chief, was chairman of the banquet committee.

"Under the present condition of the finances of the National Government," said Commander Lunn, "I do not believe that we are justified in demanding a general increase in pensions for veterans. However, by reason of the depression itself, increased pensions should be ordered for widows and orphans, not only of the Spanish War, but of all wars."

"Civil War widows now, many at the age of 70 years and more, are receiving only \$40 a month pension. That is an argument in itself for an increase to at least \$50."

"Our legislative committee met recently in Washington, and were overwhelmingly in favor of the increase in widows' and orphans' pensions."

Hospitalization and an extensive child welfare program favored by Mrs. Florence H. Becker of Louisville, national president of the U. S. W. V. Auxiliary.

Other speakers were Councilor James H. Brennan, representing the Governor; Election Commissioner Peter F. Tague, representing the Mayor; Lieut. Col. John C. Moore, Signal Corps, representing the Army; Capt. C. A. Abele, U. S. N., who spoke for Rear Admiral Louis M. Nulton; Maj. Robert Lee Longstreet, son of Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet of Civil War fame, commander-in-chief of the National Commandery of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War; Maj. John F. Barrett, a member of the same organization; State Adjutant Henry O'Day, representing the V. F. W.; Junior Vice Commander John A. Lynch, representing the Kearsarge Naval Veterans' Association, and Lieut. Gov. William S. Youngman.

Commissioner Tague recalled the days when he and Commander Lunn served together in the war Congress. He denounced the "peace patriots" who are seeking to "disband the Army and dismantle the Navy."

Lieut. Gov. Youngman stressed the service rendered to the country by the soldiers of the Spanish-American War. He also stated: "I may point out that, under the laws of the State, as the Governor is at present outside of the boundaries of the Commonwealth, I am tonight the Governor of Massachusetts."



# CURLEY DEMANDS CAR OWNERS PAY EXCISE TAX FIRST

## WOULD REQUIRE RECEIPT BEFORE ISSUING PLATES

Mayors' Club Also Hears  
Plea for Higher Tax on  
Intangibles

## REVERE ASKS LOANS BY STATE TO CITIES

Need of Legislative Aid  
To Expand Municipal  
Revenue Stressed

Compulsory payment of the motor excise tax prior to the issue of registration plates, an increase from 6 to 10 per cent. in the income tax on intangibles, allocation of a full cent of the gasoline tax to municipalities for highway construction, and the loaning of money by the commonwealth to municipalities in anticipation of taxes were suggested to the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, yesterday, as sources of new revenue to meet anticipated increases in welfare departments next year.

The proposals will form the basis of discussion at a meeting of the club, Jan. 2, to which Gov. Ely, President Bacon of the Senate and Speaker Saltonstall of the House will be invited.

The acute need of legislative aid to expand existing sources of municipal revenue was emphasized by Mayor Curley, Mayor Bates of Salem, Mayor Casassa of Revere and Mayor Ashley of New Bedford as justification for a legislative program which would avert to a considerable degree the threatened large increases in tax rates.

**DIFFICULTIES IN BORROWING**  
Difficulties encountered by the smaller cities of the state in borrowing

money from banks were cited in support of the proposal of Mayor Casassa for legislation which would permit municipalities to borrow from the commonwealth in anticipation of taxes. The precedent established by state loans to Fall River at an interest charge of 3½ per cent. was stressed as an effective argument favorable to the extension of the policy.

Mayor Curley suggested that payment of the motor excise tax prior to the issuance of registration plates would not only guarantee cities and towns full payment of such taxes but would effectively bar the practice of falsifying addresses by applicants for registration.

In support of this suggestion he set forth that Boston failed to collect \$350,000 in motor excise taxes in 1930 because of inability to locate owners of vehicles who registered them from vacant lots, laundries and other fake addresses. He also advocated the increase in the tax on intangibles.

These proposals represented the opinions of the mayor, Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the finance commission, City Auditor Carven, Budget Commissioner Fox, Assessors Edmund T. Kell and Neal Holland and Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy of the planning board. Their advice to the mayor was to make no effort to disturb existing gasoline tax legislation because of the certainty that vigorous and probably successful opposition to any remedial proposals would be aroused.

### MAYOR'S REMARKS

In presenting his suggestions the mayor said:

As a means of protecting the public upon the highways, and in addition protecting the treasuries of the cities and towns of the commonwealth, I favor the adoption of a law which will require as a condition precedent for the issuance of a registration by the registrar of motor vehicles, the filing of a certificate from the city or town authorities showing that the applicant for registration has paid his motor excise tax, and making it unlawful for the registrar to issue registration to any applicant who fails to present this certificate as payment of motor excise tax.

As a means of making more equitable the cost of government in the cities and towns of the commonwealth, more than 70 per cent. of which is today borne by real estate, I favor an increase in the income tax on intangibles from 6 per cent. to 10 per cent.

Prior to 1916 the tax on intangibles and real estate was identical. In 1916, however, the law was changed and the tax on intangibles was based on 6 per cent. of the income rather than as in the case of real estate upon the valuation of

the property.

### INCREASE IN RATE

Despite the increase in the cost of government in the past 15 years, which in the case of educational institutions alone represents an increase of 200 per cent., there has been no increase in the rate imposed on intangibles; it is 6 per cent. today as it was in 1916. The tax rate, however, on real estate has increased 100 per cent. in this period of time in most cases, and valuations in many cases have increased likewise. In other words, shifting the burden onto real estate until today the owner of property, and largely the small home owner, is bearing a burden entirely out of proportion to what he should justly be required to bear.

In 1916 in Boston, where the tax rate was \$17, an owner of a home assessed for \$10,000 paid \$170, and the owner of \$10,000 worth of 5 per cent. bonds also paid \$170. Today, in Boston, with a tax rate of \$31.50, the same home owner pays \$315.00 while the same holder of the \$10,000 worth of 5 per cent. bonds is paying but \$30.

There is no way in which to justify a continuance of this system of injustice; an injustice to the municipality, and an injustice to the owners of real estate, and more important than all, an injustice to the rent payer, who in the last analysis, carries almost the entire load.

## SUSPENDS LICENSE OF CURLEY'S SON

Registrar Ryan Will Investigate  
Fatal Accident

Morgan T. Ryan, registrar of motor vehicles, yesterday ordered the suspension of the operator's license held by Leo P. Curley, 16-year-old son of the mayor, pending a complete investigation of the recent accident which resulted in the death of Miss Sally Bean of Springfield.

Registrar Ryan pointed out that the suspension was part of the routine action following the report of any accident in which there is a fatality. Young Curley's automobile struck Miss Bean early in the morning of Dec. 4 on Huntington avenue. As the result of the injuries she sustained, Miss Bean died Thursday at Boston City Hospital. The automobile was registered in the name of Mary D. Curley.

In his statement of suspension Ryan wrote "Of course, if it is found that Curley was not seriously at fault, his license will be restored."



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# POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

By JOHN D. MERRILL

So far as Massachusetts is concerned, this is the dulllest time in a dull political year. The attention of the local politicians who are interested in national affairs is directed chiefly towards Washington, where Congress has recently come in. The efforts of Massachusetts Democrats to obtain recognition for this State on the important House committees have borne fruit in the appointment of Congressman John W. McCormack of South Boston to the Committee on Ways and Means, and Congressman William J. Granfield of Longmeadow to the Committee on Appropriations. This step has put into the discard one of the arguments which the Republicans were ready to use on the stump, namely, that as soon as the Democrats obtain control of Congress the Northern members of that body must be content with minor committee places.

In spite of the representation which Massachusetts has on the House Committee on Ways and Means, the textile interests of New England no longer control the tariff on textile goods as they did in days gone by. Time was when the representatives of the Arkwright Club and other similar organizations went to Washington and actually drew the provisions of the tariff relating to woolen and cotton fabrics, but the feeling against New England has grown so much that similar conditions will probably never exist again. What New England obtains hereafter will be result of barter with other sections of the country, each of which believes it is as much entitled as New England to tariff protection, subsidy, bonus, or other special privilege.

Unfortunately for New England, the feeling prevails elsewhere that these six States are remote not only geographically but also sentimentally from the rest of the Union. People who live no further away than New York, for example, say that northeastern New England does not comprehend the extent of the business depression now in existence and that, in consequence, New England's contribution to the various national organizations formed to relieve unemployment has been considerably less than it should have been. It is easy to make such statements and difficult to prove them untrue even when they have little basis. But it is a fact that there is a widespread prejudice against New England, and the statement has been made more than once recently that the United States Senators and Representatives from this part of the country might well devote a large part of their time to the task of removing this feeling.

## Presidential Politics

It is assumed everywhere that the Massachusetts delegates to the coming national convention of the Republican party will vote for, and probably be pledged to, President Hoover. A

controversy may arise as to whether or not the Hoover delegates shall be selected by the Republican State Committee or by the President's friends, as distinct from the State organization, but the experts will be surprised if the Massachusetts delegation is not instructed to vote for the renomination of the President.

Within the past few days, however, stories have been heard that supporters of United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California were making inquiries in this State, with the hope of discovering that he might have some strength here as a candidate for President. The Progressive party was strong here in the days when it brought defeat to the Republicans, and Senator Johnson's friends have cherished the belief that the general dissatisfaction with everything that is might turn Massachusetts Republicans to the former Progressive leader. But there are no signs that he can make headway here.

Everybody knows that President Hoover is not popular in Massachusetts, but the politicians say that only one man, namely, Calvin Coolidge, could take any of the Massachusetts Republican delegates away from the President. Mr Coolidge has stated that he would not take the nomination, and his declaration is accepted at its face value. And it may well happen, if good times return in the next few months, that President Hoover will regain his popularity here, as well as elsewhere. He is the victim of unfortunate circumstances for which even his political opponents do not hold him responsible, but he must suffer from them.

The Massachusetts Legislature, at its regular session this year, refused to repeal an act which practically provides that a Presidential candidate may determine what candidates for delegates in the party primary shall have the right to say on the ballot that they are pledged to him. The Legislature of 1932 may repeal the existing statute, but the chances are that it will not. In that case, Mr Hoover will give his indorsement to such delegates as he chooses. The important fact in connection with that matter is that the delegates to the national convention will elect the Massachusetts member of the Republican national committee. At the moment, that office does not seem very important, but it would be worth something if President Hoover were reelected.

## On the Democratic Side

Gov Ely was well within the facts when he said in New York a day or two ago that the rank and file of the Democratic voters in Massachusetts were heart and soul for Ex-Gov Alfred E. Smith and would welcome the chance to vote for him as their candidate for President. Mr Smith may not be a candidate next year, but his popularity in Massachusetts will be a powerful argument in favor of the election of an unpledged delegation from this State to the Democratic National Convention. It will be urged that such a delegation will be able to vote for "Al" Smith if the opportunity presents itself, but that a delegation pledged to another candidate must stand by the latter until he releases it. This is one of the hurdles which Mayor Curley and his friends must clear in their race to elect a delegation pledged to Gov Franklin D. Roosevelt. Most people think that the

will not be a candidate for President. The common belief is, however, that he, in common with Chairman Raskob of the Democratic National Committee and other party leaders, does not want the nomination to go to Mr Roosevelt, and that that group may use Mr Smith's popularity as a weapon with which to defeat the present Governor of New York. If, and when, the time comes in the national convention for the unpledged delegates to turn to the real anti-Roosevelt candidate, the public will know whom Mr Raskob and his friends have selected for that role.

The impression at the moment is that Newton D. Baker is likely to be the man. His ability is recognized everywhere. Pres Hibben of Princeton University said the other day that the country has only two great leaders—Newton D. Baker and Owen D. Young, both Democrats. There is general assent to this rating of Mr Baker but some would not place Mr Young in the same category. It was not so long ago that certain Democratic leaders spoke favorably of Mr Young as a Presidential candidate, but more recently they have turned to Mr Baker. The latter's weakness from a political standpoint is persistent, firm and enthusiastic support of the League of Nations, an institution which is unpopular among large groups of voters in this country. There is reason for believing, however, that the Republicans fear Mr Baker more than any

other Democratic candidate who has been suggested.

Conditions may change in the next few months, and Mr Baker, who at present seems to be the most likely candidate against Gov Roosevelt, may drop into the background.

## Gov Ely

The rumor has revived that Gov Ely may make up his mind not to be a candidate for reelection. Some of his friends have pointed out that he does not possess great financial means and that during his occupancy of the Governorship he is losing the large income which he had begun to earn as a member of the bar. They say he is sometimes tempted to step out of the State House and return to the practice of his profession.

No one except the politicians would blame the Governor if he decided to retire at the end of his current term. He has had all the honor which his high office can give him, and his life is made miserable today by the throngs of Democrats who are looking for appointments high and low. He would probably be happier as a private citizen.

On the other hand, few men who hold public office for one term can resist the temptation to try for the public approval which reelection demonstrates. Further, Gov Ely may believe he can do the State a real service by filling another term. And, finally, he doubtless realizes, as do most of the party leaders, that he is the strongest candidate the Democrats can nominate and that his duty to the party demands at least his acquiescence in the movement to re-nominate him. Most of the politicians think his course will be decided by these three motives.



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# WOULD PUT TAX DODGER OFF ROADS

## Curley Urges Means of Collecting Motor Excise Tax

Legislation to force tax-dodging motorists off the roads by requiring them to pay their motor excise tax bills before giving them new registration plates each year was advocated yesterday by Mayor Curley in an address before the Mayors' Club, meeting at the Parker House.

Many motorists in applying for plates, give addresses that upon investigation by city tax collectors turn out to be vacant lots, the Mayor explained, contending that as a result the city has been able to collect but \$850,000 of the \$1,200,000 due in motor excise taxes.

He also urged the club to support a bill to increase the income tax on intangibles like stocks and bonds from six per cent to 10 per cent, in order to relieve the taxation burden on real estate, which, the Mayor claimed, has been carrying the heavy load.

The club will act on the proposals at a special meeting to be held Jan. 2, when the Mayors will draw up their programme for submission to the Legislature. To this special meeting will be invited Governor Ely, President Bacon of the Senate, Speaker Saltonstall of the House and the leaders of the finance committees.

Mayor George J. Bates of Salem, president of the club, recommended a change in the gasoline tax law, which would require the State to distribute among the cities one-third of the receipts from the three-cent tax.

### Loans of State Cash

Mayor Andrew A. Casassa of Revere protested that the banks were demanding too much interest on temporary loans to cities, so he recommended that the State treasurer lend to the cities at moderate cost the cash surplus on hand at the State treasury, instead of placing it in the banks.

As a means of saving the cities the necessity of raising temporary loans in anticipation of collections, Mayor Curley appealed for the passage of legislation which would permit property owners to make quarterly payments of their taxes, along the lines of the income tax payment plan, instead of waiting until October for payment in full.

The Mayor insisted that new measures for raising revenue were required by the cities, in order to relieve the taxation on real estate, which now bears more than 70 per cent of the cost of government.

# U.S. SHOULD BE PREPARED, IS TAGUE WARNING

## Cites Lessons of War of '98 and World War to Spanish War Veterans

The United States should always be prepared for war, Peter F. Tague, Boston election commissioner, told the United Spanish War Veterans last night in the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

The gathering was to commemorate the signing, 33 years ago yesterday, of the treaty that ended the war with Spain. There were more than 300 present.

Commissioner Tague, representing Mayor Curley, said lack of preparedness was a lesson to the nation in the Spanish-American War and again in the World War.

"When the time comes to scrap the navy and abolish the army, this country shall no longer be peace-loving," he said. "It is necessary that we prepare now, and keep prepared at all times."

"We have had our bitter lessons, and we must heed the teachings of experience. Preparedness is a vital issue today, and will be tomorrow. We who believe in keeping prepared have got to see to it that this nation shall not again be caught unprepared."

George R. Lunn, commander-in-chief of the veterans, public service commissioner of New York state, declared his organization must get behind the legislation now before Congress for increasing the pensions for widows and orphans of all wars.

Owing to business conditions, he said, demand for an increased pension for veterans themselves would not be justified at this time.

Among the guests were Councilor James H. Brennan, representing Governor Ely; Lieut.-Gov. William S. Youngman, Maj. Robert Lee Longstreet, national commander of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish War Veterans; Mrs. Florence H. Becker of Louisville, Ky., national president of the veterans' auxiliary; Capt. C. A. Abele, U. S. N., chief of staff of the first naval district; Joseph E. Scott of Cambridge, holder of a Congressional Medal for heroism at Cienfuegos, Cuba, on May 11, 1898.

## CITY WORKERS GIVE \$5287 FOR JOBLESS

City employees in the public works department yesterday presented Mayor Curley with \$5287.45 in voluntary contributions for the relief of the jobless through the public welfare department. Acting Public Works Commissioner Christopher J. Carven explained that similar contributions will be made by the members of his department throughout the winter months.

## CRASH NEAR MAYOR'S HOME

A smashup which badly damaged two cars but in which the occupants luckily escaped serious injury, occurred in front of the Mayor's home on the Jamaica way yesterday. Samuel A. Bearer of 66 Hutchins street, Roxbury, was the operator of one car. Henry T. Callahan of Pinehurst, Mass., was the driver of the other.

## CURLEY LOSES LICENSE

The automobile driving license of Leo F. Curley, 16-year-old son of Mayor Curley, who was recently involved in a fatal accident, was suspended yesterday by Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan, pending a complete investigation of the case. This suspension is merely the action always taken by the registrar in a fatal case.

## CURLEY CREATES \$3500 JOB

Walter M. McCoubrey, State street customs broker, was appointed yesterday by Mayor Curley at a salary of \$3500 a year as a solicitor for the Boston Port Authority Board to solicit business for the port in this city, New England and elsewhere.

## PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ADD \$5287 TO FUND

Contributions during the month of November to the unemployed from the Department of Public Works amounted to \$5287, according to Acting Public Works Commissioner Christopher Carven in a report yesterday to Mayor Curley.

## \$5287 ADDED TO JOBLESS FUND

Voluntary contributions of employees of the public works department added \$5287.45 for the public welfare department fund for the relief of the unemployed. The contributions covered November and Acting Commissioner of Public Works Christopher J. Carven informed Mayor Curley yesterday of the aggregate of the weekly donations.

## MAYOR CURLEY APPROVES GUSTAFSON RETIREMENT

Mayor Curley yesterday approved the retirement papers of Capt Gustaf Gustafson, Boston Police Department. The veteran captain who was 38 years in the service is 65 years old and will retire Sunday, Dec. 20.

## W. W. MCCOUBREY NAMED SOLICITOR OF BUSINESS

Walter W. McCoubrey, State Street customs broker, was yesterday appointed a solicitor of business for the port of Boston.

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## MAYORS SEEK MORE REVENUE

### Curley for Higher Taxes on Intangibles

### Enforce Auto Excise—Find Banks Slow to Loan

Methods of obtaining increased revenue for cities to meet anticipated increased expenditures next year because of welfare costs were discussed yesterday at the luncheon of the Mayors' Club at the Parker House. Mayor George J. Bates of Salem, president of the club, presided. It was evident from remarks at the luncheon that executives were meeting with difficulty in not only getting tax payments, but were not receiving a cordial reception from banks on the matter of loans in anticipation of taxes.

Mayor Curley offered two suggestions along the line of increased revenue. He favored a law which would compel an individual seeking automobile registration to show that he had paid his automobile excise tax and second, that the income tax on intangibles be increased from 6 to 10 percent.

### CURLEY VOICES GRATITUDE FOR TYLER HOSPITAL GIFT

Mayor James M. Curley yesterday gave out a statement when he learned of the bequest of \$1,000,000 to the Boston City Hospital, gift of the late Charles H. Tyler of Boston and Beverly.

"The most generous bequest of Charles H. Tyler of \$1,000,000 for the establishment of a laboratory for surgical research to the Boston City Hospital, to be named in honor of his friend, Dr. George G. Sears, is most pleasing news," he said. "His request that the building be named in honor of his friend of a lifetime is the highest possible tribute which one man could pay to another."

"The desire that there be established a surgical laboratory at the Boston City Hospital is an expression not only of love for the city, but of faith in this great institution. It has been truly said that 'when we depart this life we take with us only that which we give during our stay here.' In departing this life, Charles H. Tyler takes with him the prayers and good wishes of the sick of Boston, who, as a consequence of his great benefaction, will be benefited in perpetuity. May the splendid example of service and generosity which he has furnished the public be noted and emulated."

### CURLEY ACCEPTS NEWARK INVITATION TO GIVE TALK

Mayor Curley has accepted an invitation to give a talk on unemployment at Symphony Hall next Friday evening as a supplement to a lecture on old Boston, Eng. to be given on that evening by E. W. Newman.

Mr. Newman was presented to the Mayor at City Hall yesterday. Ainsley Highman, New England representative of the French Line. The invitation was extended by the lecturer and Mayor Curley accepted.

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## ELY SEES SMITH IN 1932 CONTEST

### Governor Gives Capital That Hint During Visit

### He, Walsh and Coolidge Will Oppose Plans of Curley

By M. E. HENNESSY

WASHINGTON, Dec 13—Gov. Joseph B. Ely gave the impression to friends he talked with here, before leaving for Boston tonight, that he was convinced that Ex-Gov. Alfred E. Smith is a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Gov. Ely attended a conference with Ex-Gov. Smith in New York Friday on the way to Washington.

It was said tonight that Gov. Ely and Senators David I. Walsh and Marcus A. Coolidge would oppose any attempt by Mayor James M. Curley or anybody else to pledge the Massachusetts delegation to Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt or anybody else.

### Governor Charms Capital

Gov. Ely, who arrived here yesterday morning to attend the Gridiron Club dinner last night, left this evening on the Federal Express. He was much sought after during his brief stay by leading Democrats of the country, who were anxious to see the Democratic Governor of Massachusetts.

Gov. Ely charmed everybody with whom he came in contact. This afternoon he attended two functions. In between his social engagements he had an extended conference with the Massachusetts Congressional delegation, including Senators Walsh and Coolidge and Congressmen Granfield, McCormack, Douglas and Connery, discussing party affairs in Massachusetts and Washington.

It is very probable that Gov. Ely is still his, but some of us Bay Staters thought Mayor Curley had already practically promised the State to Gov. Roosevelt.

### ELY STATEMENTS FAIL TO SHAKE MAYOR HERE

The impression given by Gov. Ely in Washington yesterday that Alfred E. Smith will again be a candidate for President "does not in any way alter my position," Mayor Curley declared last night.

"I am still with Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt and I propose to continue with him. I am not disturbed as to the outcome of the election in Massachusetts or the Nation."

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## MANY ATTEND HURLEY RITES

### Curley Heads City Officials at Services for Street Commissioner

Headed by Mayor Curley, a large delegation of city officials, together with several hundred friends and relatives, attended the funeral services today of Chairman Thomas J. Hurley of the street commission, which were held in the auditorium of the Boston College library.

In the gathering were ex-Mayors John F. Fitzgerald and Malcolm E. Nichols, Police Commissioner Hultman, City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan, Dr. Francis X. Mahoney of the board of health and members of the street commission.

Previous to the college services, a short service was conducted at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Howard S. Harris, on Commonwealth avenue, Chestnut Hill.

The Rev. Thomas A. Fay, S. J., was the celebrant of a mass of requiem at the college. Twenty priests were seated within the sanctuary. The bearers were members of the Young Men's Catholic Association Glee Club, of which Hurley had long been the director, and included Edward Downey, Walter Shea, Joseph Kirby, Stephen O'Neil, Thomas Fitzgerald, Edward Dunne, Thomas Gill and Daniel Hagerty.

Burial was in Holyhood cemetery, Brookline, where the Rev. Charles J. Lang officiated at the committal service.

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Trap for Liars

**M**AYOR CURLEY asks that no motor vehicle be registered unless the city tax on it has been paid.

To the owner who finds difficulty in running his car, the suggestion has no attractiveness. As a matter of justice, the mayor is exactly right! To many persons who do pay their excise tax on cars, the payment is a hardship. Yet they do it, depriving themselves of something in order to comply with their legal duty. Why they should pay and others enjoy similar privileges without paying, is the heart of the question.

Many a car is registered from a false address. Mayor Curley says that the city lost about \$350,000 of taxes stolen in one year by this practice. This \$350,000 is collected by the city, but not from the cheaters, unless they are residents, in which case they bear their share of the burden, but only that share of what is spread over the whole population in taxes of other sorts which must be raised higher to meet the deficit caused by the liars.

The mayor's suggestion may meet the obstacle of problems in bookkeeping. But the principle is sound and a way should be devised to adopt it as a law.

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City Officials at

**Hurley Services**

Mayor Curley and many other city officials attended the funeral services today for Thomas F. Hurley, chairman of the Boston Board of Street Commissioners, who died Friday at the Winthrop Community Hospital. Private services at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard Harris, 235 Commonwealth avenue, Chestnut Hill, were followed by a requiem mass at the Boston College Chapel, celebrated by Rev. Thomas A. Fay. Besides Mayor Curley, former Mayors Malcolm E. Nichols and John F. Fitzgerald, Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, city health commissioner, Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman and many other city officials were among the congregation which filled the chapel.

The pall bearers, all members of the Young Men's Catholic Association Glee Club, of which Mr. Hurley had been a leader for many years, were Edward Downey, Walter Shea, Joseph Kirby, Stephen O'Neil, Thomas Fitzgerald, Edward Dunne, Thomas Gill and Daniel Hagerty. Burial was in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline, where committal services were conducted by Rev. Charles F. Lane of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Boston.

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**"MAYORS SEEK REVENUE"**

The heading, "Mayors Seek More Revenue" on the news stories of the meeting which the Massachusetts Mayors' Club, held on Saturday, indicates that they are not yet awake to the realities of the time. Of course they need more revenue. They always do. Republicans and Democrats in large cities and small are usually holding out the hat. Just now they may be more justified than they are usually in their appeals, but is it not about time that they should place the emphasis where it belongs?

Economy in expenditures was never required so urgently as at present. Why don't the members of Mayor Bates's club discuss that topic? It is a subject of paramount importance. If the mayors would make their organization an agency of real helpfulness, let them tell us how frugally they can carry on in these sore times. Let them lay down programs under which the necessary functions of government can be carried on adequately with a curtailed budget. All nine cities in Massachusetts with a population in excess of 100,000 will have Democratic mayors in 1932. Let them explain to us how they can check the extravagant tendencies of the past. The distressed citizens of Massachusetts want a lifeline, and it makes no difference to them whether the man who throws it is a Democrat or a Republican.

Mayor Casassa of Revere suggested that the commonwealth lend money to cities on the same terms as the loans to Fall River. There is one obvious, sure-fire method of bringing that about—excessive spending and an emergency which will place the communities in the position to which Fall River was reduced. But even if legislation allowing the cities to obtain funds at 3½ per cent. were feasible, the saving would be so small as not to affect the situation. (Incidentally, the figure was 3.80 and is now 4 per cent.).

The mayor complained, also, that it is difficult to obtain money from the banks in antici-

pation of taxes. Naturally it is. The banks have had some sad experiences with places like Revere. Let the mayors of Revere and other cities initiate policies which require less borrowing, and their woes regarding loans will disappear. Let them rearrange their affairs on a workmanlike basis, and banks will compete for the business, instead of refusing it.

The Mayors' Club is to have another meeting on Jan. 2, to which it will invite Gov. Ely, President Bacon of the Senate and Speaker Saltonstall of the House. Maybe President Bates will request them and other speakers to tell us something about ways and means of reducing expenses and of relieving the taxpayers and the rent payers who pay hidden taxes at every step. Let us assume that taxes will be heavier. Cannot Mayor Bates and the other speakers at that meeting give us at least a hint of what should be done to make the increase as small as possible? Perhaps somebody from Lowell, where a half-million-dollar saving is necessary; or from Fall River, which is putting behind it the troubles which other communities are facing; or Chelsea, where solvency is still a 50-50 proposition—perhaps gentlemen from these places could bring to the mayors' meeting of Jan. 2, a few statements which would make their hearers realize the hard facts of the present. Gov. Ely, reading of the \$100,000,000 deficit which New York is facing, might make a few remarks on his proposed retrenchments.



# ELY SEES SMITH IN RUNNING

## Believes State Is for Him If He Will Be Candidate

BY ROBERT L. NORTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—There is not the slightest doubt in the mind of Governor Ely of Massachusetts that former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York is a candidate for renomination. This was the entire purpose of the conference called in New York Friday last, attended by four governors and several prominent Democratic leaders.

At the meeting there was no straight declaration from Smith that he was a candidate.

It was not revealed in the newspaper report that the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss what would be done on the prohibition question. Really this was the main subject of discussion.

### Oppose Curley Plan

Otherwise, there was no determination about candidacies. The situation in Massachusetts was discussed in some detail. It was made perfectly clear that so far as Senator Walsh and Governor Ely were concerned while they were not definitely opposed to Governor Roosevelt, they nevertheless felt that some other candidate was more readily available. Walsh and Ely are determined to oppose Mayor Curley in his attempt to capture the State delegation for Roosevelt.

Governor Ely put in a busy day in Washington seeing several of the Democratic leaders and calling on old friends and left on the Federal Express for Boston tonight. While in Washington he met several of the nationally known Democratic leaders and talked over with them the outlook of the party in the coming campaign.

### Thinks State for Smith

On his way to Washington he stopped over in New York Friday to confer with former Governor Smith. The Governor believes that Mr. Smith is the choice of the Massachusetts democracy and that Massachusetts democracy will be guided in its course by the wishes of Governor Smith.

Governor Ely's outspoken statement for Smith for President is taken here as a direct challenge to Mayor Curley, who has taken charge of the Roosevelt interests in Massachusetts.

It is no secret to say that both Senators Coolidge and Walsh and Governor Ely have no intention of standing aside and seeing Mayor Curley control the Massachusetts delegation to the next

national convention.

### If Smith Is Candidate

They admit that if the Mayor wants to go to the convention as a Roosevelt supporter he can do so, but when it comes to controlling the delegation that is a different story.

In his talks with Democratic leaders here, Governor Ely left the impression that if Roosevelt wants the delegation from the Bay State, and Smith is a candidate, he will be found with the ex-Governor of New York in the contest.

Governor Ely met many of the Democratic national leaders here, and when he left Washington he left behind him a fine impression, marked as a Democratic Governor who will be worth watching in the coming campaign from a national viewpoint and a man for whom there is a real prospect of further honors.

### At Luncheon

In addition to many other social and political engagements made for Governor Ely by Senators Walsh and Coolidge during his stay in Washington was a luncheon attended by a score of more or leading Democrats in the new Congress, including:

Speaker Garner of the House of Representatives, Senators Ashurst of Arizona, George of Georgia, Walsh of Montana, King of Utah, Lewis of Illinois and Bulkley of Ohio, and 15 others from the House of Representatives, in addition to the four Democratic Congressmen from Massachusetts.

### Others Present

In addition to the Senators and Representatives there were present the following citizens of Massachusetts who were in Washington for the day:

John H. Fahey, editor of the Worcester Evening Post and Carl Dreyfus, business manager of the Boston American, Joseph P. Tumulty, former Secretary to President Wilson, also was present.

Before the luncheon there was a general discussion and interchange of views on the Democratic party's course in the present Congress in which it was said that everything would be done by the leaders to build up a national party organization and that in whatever plan agreed upon the North will be considered and share in the administration of affairs.

### Coolidge and Heflin

Some of those present at the luncheon took occasion to congratulate Senator Coolidge on his refusal to shake hands with Ex-Senator Heflin of Alabama the other day. Heflin was on the floor of the Senate shaking hands with members. Several well-known Democrats went over to Tom and shook hands with him cordially. At one time it looked as if Tom would so far forget himself as to make a speech.

Heflin spied Senator Coolidge and made a bee-line for him. The junior Senator from Massachusetts saw Heflin, wheeled around and left the Senate Chamber. Heflin saw the significance of the Coolidge attitude and didn't pursue him.

Governor Ely attended several social functions here today including reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Holmes in honor of Governor Ritchie of Maryland, before boarding his train for Boston.

Councillor Kelly announced his candidacy for district delegate while visiting in the office of Gov. Ely. Just outside the governor's door, Kelly and former Councillor James A. (Jerry) Watson engaged in a friendly debate on the amount of help given the latter in the last council election campaign by Mayor Curley.

### SEEK NEW HEAT

State officials who have under consideration the heating of the State House by means of the Edison pipe line are taking into consideration the saving to the furnishings of the capitol building through the elimination of smoke and soot.

### APPOINT TWO

Mayor Curley today appointed James E. McConnell, of 220 Sixth st., South Boston, and Charles F. Holmes, of 10 Taylor st., South End, permanent inspectors in the water division of the public works department.

### NORRIS PROMOTED

John J. Norris, of 164 Minot st., Dorchester, steamfitter in the maintenance division of the fire department, has been promoted to master steamfitter by Mayor Curley.

### REARDON BUSY

Cornelius A. Reardon, secretary to Mayor Curley, is so busy these days assisting the poor and the unemployed that he finds it necessary to work until late into the night to catch up with his regular work, and in addition to sacrifice his Sundays and holidays in order that he may attend to the voluminous correspondence which arrives each week and which must be answered.

### HOLIDAY IN TOLEDO

"Jack" Lowney, of Engine 38, Boston fire department, plans to spend the new year holiday in Toledo, Ohio.

### TAYLOR ENTHUSIASTIC

William H. Taylor, of the over-seers of the public welfare, who was recently appointed chairman of Mayor Curley's committee to create jobs and to raise funds to care for the jobless, has plunged into his new duties with an enthusiasm and vigor which inspires all who come in contact with him. One who is so confident of success cannot fail.

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# ASSAILS MAYOR IN TAX CASE

## Counsel in Property Sale Replies to Silverman

Attorney Harold S. Davis yesterday jumped into the controversy between Mayor Curley and the Boston Real Estate Exchange over the valuation of real estate in the city, and in a public statement demanded to know by what right the Mayor and Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman assume to say what the valuation of property shall be. He declared that Mayor Curley is apparently bent on destroying the Board of Tax Appeals.

### PUBLIC OFFICERS

Davis, who, as a member of the firm of Steven Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge,

## 100 New Applicants Daily for Relief

With the statement that the demands upon the city's Public Welfare Department are increasing daily, as shown by 100 new applications for relief every twenty-four hours, Mayor Curley has acknowledged a letter from the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corporation, 40 Commercial Wharf, in which the desire of the employees to contribute to the city's needy \$100 a month for the next five months, was announced.

David P. Howes, manager of the New England Division of the corporation, asked to whom the funds should be sent and the mayor made the familiar reply that it is the Public Welfare Department, in existence since 1822, that is the clearing house for aid to the needy and the unemployed. He added that this department dispensed \$600,000 in November and that the indications are that more than \$700,000 will be needed for December.

"Private organizations have performed the tasks allotted to them in a most noble and inspiring manner," the mayor added, "but apparently they are experiencing extreme difficulty in securing the money necessary with which to function, and as a consequence the major portion of the entire burden is today being borne by the city of Boston."

represented the owners of the property at 17-21 Hanover street in abatement proceedings before the Board of Tax Appeals, and also in connection with the recent sale of the property for \$26,000, pointed out that the assessors are not city employees, but public officers, whose powers and duties are determined not by the city, but by the Commonwealth.

Calling attention to a statement of Silverman that "we'll reinstate the value of the property in next year's assessment and let them appeal again," Attorney Davis scored the attitude of the corporation counsel and the Mayor.

The statement of Attorney Davis follows in part:

"Certain of the statements with reference to the sale of the Hanover street property made by the corporation counsel are, however, so utterly unwarranted, especially as regards the imputations which he casts upon the good faith of Mr. Dowling, that it would not be right to let them stand unchallenged.

### Estimate of \$75,000

"On April 1, 1930, which was the date of the assessment in question, the property was owned by five individuals as tenants in common. In November, 1930, the owners filed with the assessors an application for amendment. In this application the value of the property was estimated at \$75,000.

"This was done by my advice, not because of any lack of confidence that a much lower valuation could be shown if the matter came to trial, but by way of indicating a figure which the owners would be willing to accept as a compromise in order to avoid the trouble and expense of a protracted controversy.

"On Jan. 1, 1931, one of the tenants in common, Mrs. Ellen L. Meacham (who had a half interest) died. On Feb. 2 the assessors gave notice that they had reduced the tax from \$3850 to \$3274.04, which represented a reduction in the valuation from \$125,000 to \$106,300. It was only some three weeks later that Mr. Dowling, who had previously had nothing to do with the property in any way, shape or manner, was appointed administrator of Mrs. Meacham's estate with the will annexed.

"Mr. Silverman insinuates that the sale was made for some ulterior motive and that a better price might readily have been obtained. This is equivalent to charging that Mr. Dowling has been guilty of a grave breach of the duty owed by him as administrator to the persons interested in Mrs. Meacham's estate. The first answer to this allegation is that the written consent of all persons interested is on file in the Probate Court, and the beneficiaries, who are certainly in a better position than either the Mayor or the corporation counsel to know whether the estate is being properly administered, have the highest confidence both in Mr. Dowling's absolute integrity and in his sound judgment. The second answer is that the property has been in the market more than three years, and that every reasonable means of effecting the sale at a higher price had been exhausted.

"The third answer is that Mr. Dowling has never had any control over the fractional interests which did not belong to Mrs. Meacham."

## THOMAS J. HURLEY FUNERAL SERVICES

### Large Number of Officials at Rites in Newton

NEWTON, Dec. 14—A large representation from Boston City Hall, leading business men, men prominent in public life and Federal and State officials attended the funeral services at St. Ignatius' Chapel, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, this morning for Thomas J. Hurley, chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners of the city of Boston and a member of the Boston Traffic Commission. The chapel was filled.

A requiem high mass was celebrated at 9:30 o'clock by Rev. T. Augustine Fay, S. J. A grandson of Mr. Hurley's, Harold Harris, served as altar boy.

Among the priests within the sanctuary were Rt. Rev. Mgr. P. J. Supple of St. John's and St. Hugh's Churches, Roxbury; Very Rev. James M. Kilroy, provincial of the Jesuit Order; Rev. John Cummins, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale; Rev. Francis Cronin, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Orient Heights; Rev. William R. Crawford, S. J., rector of the Boston College High School; Very Rev. James H. Dolan, S. J., president of Boston College; Rev. Charles Lane, S. J., of the Immaculate Conception Church, Boston; Rev. William M. Stinson, S. J.; Rev. Martin Harney, S. J.; Rev. P. J. McHugh, S. J.; Rev. D. J. Lynch, S. J.; Rev. Henry Bean, S. J.; Rev. William J. Murphy, pastor of the Church of the Presentation, Brighton; Rev. Joseph V. Tracey, pastor of St. Columbkille's Church, Brighton.

Music was under the direction of Prof. Arthur O'Shea, organist, with Miss Gladys Carew, soprano, and Joseph Ecker, baritone, as soloist. During the mass Mr. Ecker sang the "Misererimi."

The active bearers were Walter Shea, Daniel Haggerty, Thomas Gill, Edward Dunne, Thomas Fitzgerald, Stephen O'Neill, Edward Downey and Joseph Kirby.

The ushers were R. F. Watson, Harold J. Coakley, Charles Kelley, Henry Lazerus and James Celeste.

Among those at the chapel were Mayor James M. Curley, Sheriff John A. Kelliher, Ex-Mayors Malcolm E. Nichols and Daniel A. Whelton, Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman, Chairman Frank Goodwin of the Finance commission, Institutions commissioner James E. Maguire, City Councilors Israel Ruby and Edward Gallagher, Supt. of Boston Public Patrick T. Campbell, Building Commissioner Theodore Roemer, Penal Institutions Commissioner William G. O'Hare, Supt. of Public Buildings John P. Englert, Joseph A. Tomasello of the Board of Appeals, City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan, City Collector William M. McMorro, Ex-Public Works Commissioner Joseph A. Ahalan, Dr. John J. Sheehy, Pres. James J. Maher of the Young Men's Catholic Association and the members of the board of directors, including Secretary Joseph Farren, Vincent Roberts, Frank Hayes and Henry H. O'Connor, Register of Deeds William T. A. Fitzgerald, Register of Probate Arthur W. Sullivan, Ex-Congressman Joseph H. O'Neill, Ex-Senator Henry S. Fitzgerald, Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman and Thomas A. Mullen.

Burial was in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline.



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## HITS SILVERMAN IN TAX DISPUTE

### Lawyer Attacks Statements in Abatement Case

Harold S. Davis of the law firm of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, who represented the property owners at 17-21 Hanover street at the recent tax abatement proceedings before the board of tax appeals, takes issue with Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman concerning the valuation of the property and its sale in a statement issued last night.

"I have no desire to go into the merits of the controversy between the mayor and the Boston Real Estate Exchange as to valuation of Boston real estate generally," said Mr. Davis. "Certain of the statements with reference to the sale of the Hanover street property made by the corporation counsel are, however, so utterly unwarranted, especially as regards the imputations which he casts upon the good faith of Mr. Dowling (John C. L. Dowling), that it would not be right to let them go unchallenged."

He cites that the Hanover street property on April 1, 1930, was owned by five individuals as tenants in common, who in November, 1930, filed with the assessors an application for amendment, setting the value of the property at that time as \$75,000. This was done on advice of Mr. Davis, he said, "not because of any lack of confidence that a much lower valuation could be shown if the matter came to trial, but by way of indicating a figure which the owners would be willing to accept as a compromise in order to avoid trouble and expense of a protracted controversy."

He points out that one of the owners, who had half interest, died in January of this year and Dr. Dowling was appointed administrator of her estate. The only sworn statement by Mr. Dowling as to valuation of the property was in his inventory of the estate filed with the probate court in which he set the value of her interest in the estate at \$16,000, Davis says.

Mr. Silverman, in insinuating the sale of the property was made for some ulterior motive, is equivalent, Dr. Davis says, to charging Mr. Dowling with being guilty of "grave breach of duty owed by him as administrator to the persons interested in Mrs. Maccham's estate."

Mr. Davis declares that the use of a straw in the purchase of property is common and is no indication of anything wrong in connection with the sale. He declares that the corporation counsel's statement "we" will reinstate the value of the property next year is rather meaningless in that the assessed valuations are made by the assessors.

The property in question was valued at \$125,000 and later reduced by the city to \$106,300. It was sold for \$26,000. The state board of appeal set a valuation of \$45,000.

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## MARY CURLEY SELLS SEALS



MR. COTTEN

MISS CURLEY

Miss Mary Curley, daughter of Boston's mayor, assisted in the opening of the Ritz-Carlton booth for the sale of Christmas seals. Her first customer was Joseph Cotten, leading man at the Copley Theater. Additional branches will be opened this week by the Boston Tuberculosis Association, in its final last week battle for the sale of Christmas seals. (Egan photo.)



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## BLACKTHORN FOR GIFT



MAYOR CURLEY

GOVERNOR WILSON

Mayor Curley presenting a rare brown Irish blackthorn walking stick to Governor Stanley C. Wilson of Vermont in City Hall today. The Vermont chief executive was in town for a conference of dairymen on the milk situation. (Staff photo.)

## TRANSCRIPT 12/10/31

### Retail Stores Come to Aid of Needy

Fourteen Business Houses Make Contributions Totalling \$37,450

At a luncheon of the Boston Emergency Committee on Unemployment held at the Chamber of Commerce today, Mayor Curley read a list of fourteen stores, members of the Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, which had made their first contributions to the fund, totalling \$37,450. The list is as follows:

Jordan Marsh Co.	\$10,000
Wm. Filene's Sons Co.	10,000
R. H. White Co.	3,500
Gilchrist Co.	2,500
Individuals of R. H. Stearns Co.	2,500
C. F. Hovey Co.	2,000
The Shepard Stores	2,000
Chandler & Co.	1,250
Conrad & Co.	1,000
S. S. Pierce Co.	1,000
E. T. Slattery Co.	1,000
E. T. Hollander Co., Inc.	250
Shreve, Crump & Lowe Co.	250
Marcell N. Smith (of Smith Patterson Co.)	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,450</b>

## MAYOR PLEADS FOR SON IN AN AUTO DEATH

Judge Defers Finding to Visit Scene; Witnesses Call Visibility Poor

Before he decides whether to issue a warrant charging Leo F. Curley, 16-year-old son of the mayor, with manslaughter and driving to endanger, Judge Frankland Miles will visit the corner of Huntington ave. and Forsyth st., Back Bay, at 1:45 o'clock in the morning.

He made that decision today at the conclusion of a hearing in the warrant session of Roxbury court in connection with young Curley's operation of the automobile that fatally injured Mrs. Sarah Bean, of Springfield, at 1:45 in the morning of Dec. 5.

"If the visibility was good, the driver should have seen the woman when she stepped from the car reservation," he said. "If it was poor, why of course the accident was unavoidable."

### HEARING CONTINUED

He continued the hearing until Friday.

Mayor Curley was present and addressing the court declared there were three steets in Boston where railway reservations constituted a menace to public safety—Huntington ave., Commonwealth ave., and Bennington st., East Boston. He announced his intention to continue the subway, if possible, beyond Arlington st. out Huntington ave., to correct the evil. He said that on Commonwealth ave., alone a half dozen deaths had resulted from people stepping from the trolley reservation into the paths of automobiles.

Leo Curley testified that the accident was unavoidable. He said he was driving at 25 miles an hour when the victim stepped from the curb and that he didn't see her before.

### "VISIBILITY POOR"

He was corroborated by his brother, Paul, and Gregory Sullivan, who, with Walter Quinn of Thane st., Dorchester, were passengers in his car returning from a movie.



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TRAVELER 12/16/31



**Bank Conference!** Mayor Curley leaving State House yesterday after he called on Gov. Ely to confer on bank situation and offer all resources at his disposal toward early solution of the problem. He plans conference of bankers to take action to prevent any more banks closing in the state. (Story on Page 2) (Daily Record Photo)

## Mayor's Daughter Presiding at Tea



## MISS MARY D. CURLEY. MARY CURLEY TO PRESIDE AT TEA

To Be Given Dec. 21 at TB Ass'n Headquarters

Miss Mary D. Curley will preside at the tea to be given on Monday afternoon, Dec. 21, at the sheltered headquarters of the Boston Tuberculosis Association on Tyler street. A musicale will precede the tea, at which a program will be contributed by George Dwight and Reginald Boardman. The affair is in the interests of the sale of Christmas seals by the association. Miss Curley is chairman of the seals committee.

## LEO CURLEY'S CASE IS HEARD

Mayor's Son Avers Auto Fatality Unavoidable; New Continuance

A hearing on an application for a complaint charging manslaughter and operating to endanger lives was held today by Judge Miles in Roxbury court in the case of Leo F. Curley, 16, son of Mayor Curley. The hearing was in connection with the death of Mrs. Sarah Bean of 130 Eyer street, Springfield,

fatally injured when struck by an automobile, alleged to have been driven by young Curley, on Huntington avenue, at Forsyth street, as she stepped from a trolley car reservation.

Mayor Curley told the court that reservations on three streets of the city, Huntington and Commonwealth avenues and Bennington street, East Boston, are a menace to the public safety, and it is his intention, if possible, to extend the subway from Arlington street to do away with the reservation.

Young Curley said the accident was unavoidable and he didn't see the woman until she stepped in front of his car.

The case was continued until Friday morning to give Judge Miles opportunity to visit the scene of the accident and determine the question of visibility and lighting.



## Criticises Space Allowed Persons on Electric Car Reservation—Court Defers Action

Curley, after pointing out that there is barely room for passengers to stand on the electric car reservation, and how easily a person may be jostled from the very limited standing space into the path of passing automobiles, used M Silverman as an example, jostling him to illustrate the situation on the car reservation.

**Takes Issue With Judge**  
Judge Frankland W. L. Miles heard the case. Following the testimony he continued the hearing to Friday, stating that he wished to view the scene of the accident and determine the degree of visibility at 1:45 in the morning, the hour at which the accident occurred. Judge Miles also said he would inspect the lighting at the scene of the accident.

In continuing the case, he said that if the visibility at that spot on that particular night was good then the driver should have seen the woman and should have been able to swerve his machine to the right in order to avoid the accident. On the other hand, if the visibility was poor, he would agree with the defense counsel that the accident was unavoidable.

This quartet testified that the machine driven by Papa made a left turn at Forsyth st. and, as they did, they heard brakes being suddenly applied by a machine in the rear. They ran back and found Mrs Bean on the ground, about five feet in front of the Curley machine.

Scene Reenacted  
Mrs Bean was taken to the City Hos-  
pital in Pupa's car. A ~~man~~ ~~driver~~

Paul Curley and Sullivan placed the speed of the machine at 25 miles an hour. Neither saw the woman until she was in front of their car. Paul Curley said that the woman seemed to be lifted from the ground at the impact and tossed ahead a few feet.

Attorney Silverman argued that a driver of a machine, seeing a person on a street car reservation, had a right to the opinion that such a person would remain on the reservation until the opportunity arose to continue across.



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# BANK RECEIVER ARRIVES TODAY

## To Take Over Federal and National Affiliates

## Statements of Gov Ely, Guy and Snyder Reassuring

The affairs of the Federal National Bank of Boston, its five Boston branch offices and affiliated banks in Lynn, Gloucester and Lowell, will be taken over this morning by Herbert Pearson, Federal receiver, representing the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, while the five State banks, also affiliated with the Federal National, have been taken in charge by State Bank Commissioner Arthur Guy.

The list of banks closed follows:

Federal National Bank, 85 Devonshire st., and five branch offices, Back Bay office, 102 Massachusetts av; East Boston office, Maverick sq; Fish Pier office, Northern av and D st; South Boston office, 474 Broadway; Mattapan office, 891 Cummins highway, Mattapan sq.

Lawrence Trust Company.

Bancroft Trust Company, Worcester.

Middlesex National Bank, Lowell.

Inman Trust Company, Cambridge.

Gloucester National Bank, Gloucester.

Salem Trust Company, Salem.

State National Bank, Lynn.

Brockton Trust Company, Brockton.

## But One Opened Yesterday

Only one of the eight small banks, all of which are closely linked with the Federal National, opened for business yesterday, the several boards of directors voting to follow the action of the directors of the Boston bank in closing at this time.

The decision not to open the Federal Bank or its five Boston branches or the Middlesex Bank in Lowell or the Bancroft Trust Company of Worcester was made late Monday night and the only new development yesterday was the early morning decision not to do business at the six other State banks affiliated with the Boston bank.

Fred D. Williams of Winchester, chief national bank examiner, assigned his assistant, Michael J. Hurley of Arlington, to take charge of the bank and the latter merely posted a notice announcing his appointment and waited in technical charge until the arrival of Mr Pearson this morning.

## Pearson an Expert

Mr Pearson is one of the Government's experts in banking and was selected for the Boston task by John

W. Pole, Controller of the Currency. Mr Pole expressed great confidence in the ability of Mr Pearson and declared that the experience of his office shows a high percentage of collections in receiverships after banks had closed.

Mr Williams said Mr Pearson would be at the bank this morning but doubted if any report could be made by him within a period of two months, more or less. He said the volume of business done by the bank made it unlikely that any early statement concerning its condition would be forthcoming.

## \$60,000,000 Deposits Tied Up

Deposits of more than \$60,000,000 are tied up in the nine banks closed. These include State deposits of more than \$1,000,000, deposits of the city of Boston alone of nearly \$1,000,000 and deposits by several other cities of varying amounts.

The complete list of the closed banks and their latest announced deposits are as follows:

Federal National Bank, 85 Devonshire st., and five branch offices, total deposits, \$28,235,238.

Lawrence Trust Company, deposits \$10,330,000; Bancroft Trust Company, Worcester, \$6,038,000; Middlesex National Bank, Lowell, \$4,505,000; Inman Trust Company, Cambridge, \$3,703,000; Gloucester National Bank, \$1,600,000; Salem Trust Company, \$2,411,000; State National Bank, Lynn, \$2,220,000, and Brockton Trust Company, \$1,454,000.

When news of the banks' closing spread yesterday Gov Ely and Mayor Curley both indicated that steps should be taken to arrange for the reopening of the banks as soon as possible. Mayor Curley called at the State House yesterday afternoon to confer with Gov Ely, but the chief executive was not present. The Mayor left word with the Governor's secretary, Dewitt C. DeWolf, that he thought Gov Ely should call a conference of clearing house and bank officials to see what might be done to aid the banks. The Mayor said he would be available for such a conference day or night.

No announcement of such a conference was made although further action may be taken today.

# FINE TRIBUTE PAID TO COUNCILOR BUSH

## Able Men Defeated Before, Says Youngman

Some of Boston's leading citizens paid tribute last night to Councilor Herman L. Bush of Ward 12, at a banquet tendered him at the Boston City Club. Jacob L. Wiseman, ex-assistant attorney general, was toastmaster.

Testimonials to Councilor Bush as a public official, as a veteran of the World War and as a citizen were delivered by Lieut Gov Youngman, Atty Gen Warner, Joseph McGrath, president of the City Council; Brig Gen John H. Agnew, adjutant general of Massachusetts; Judge Frankland W. L. Miles of the Roxbury Municipal Court; Councilor Israel Ruby and Traffic Commissioner Joseph Conry, representing the Mayor.

Referring to Councilor Bush's recent defeat by 66 votes in the city election, Lieut Gov Youngman said:

"Able men have been defeated before from time to time, and will be defeated in the future. David I. Walsh was defeated in 1924, and now look where he is—Herman may be there some day, too!"

Atty Gen Warner talked on "Friendship," and recited a poem about the futility of writing a man's good qualities on his tombstone, instead of telling him about them when he is alive.

Judge Miles spoke of the popularity of Councilor Bush in Roxbury and delivered tributes to both the guest of honor and his wife.

Among those present were Asst Atty Gen Louis H. Sawyer, State Adjt Hermann R. Isenberg of the Marine Corps League, Joseph J. Hurley, chairman of the Boston School Committee; Senator Max Ulin, Ex-Asst Atty Gen Albert Hurwitz, Representatives Bernard Finkelstein, Julius Soble and Herbert P. Shaughnessy, Alexander Brin, editor of the Jewish Advocate; Jacob Tushins, president of the Boston Y. M. H. A.; Ex-Representative Bernard Ginsberg, Harry J. Greenblatt, member of the Board of Building Examiners; Harry Small, Bernard L. Gorfinkle and Leo J. Lyons.

# HITS GOODWIN AS CURLEY AID

## Councillor Kelly Demands Official Probe

Charges that Chairman Frank A. Goodwin of the Finance Commission was attempting to cover up wasteful expenditures in Mayor Curley's administration, and that Philip Chapman, city purchasing agent, is a tool of the Mayor, were contained in a letter sent yesterday to District Attorney William J. Foley by City Councillor Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester, demanding a complete investigation of city affairs since Mayor Curley took office.

Councillor Kelly specifically charged that desks purchased by the city from the Atlantic Desk Company for \$60,000 could have been bought from other office equipment houses for about half that sum, and that such purchases were made by Chapman at the direction of Mayor Curley.

He also asserted that unwarranted expenditures of the taxpayer's money had been going on for two years.

Councillor Kelly also requested in the letter that a full and complete investigation of the city's affairs since Mayor Curley took office be carried out by Foley's office.

Foley stated last night that he would

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# CURLEY URGES SAVING OF AMERICA FIRST

## Declares Bankers Influenced by Foreign Debts — Talks at Road Builders' Banquet

In an address packed with criticisms of current conditions, Mayor James M. Curley last night, speaking at the 10th annual dinner of the New England Road Builders' Association at the Copley-Plaza, charged the bankers of America with prolonging "hard times and stifling business in their anticipation of a repudiation of national obligations by foreign Nations."

The banquet was attended by more than 600 persons, among whom were Lieut Gov William S. Youngman, who gave a speech on his defense of Massachusetts contractors; Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry, Mayor Robert A. Perkins of Melrose, Mayor Andrew A. Cassasa of Revere, Chief Engineer Arthur W. Dean of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, and commissioners and engineers of the State departments of the New England States.

### Faith in America

Mayor Curley arrived with Miss Mary Curley, his daughter, after the speaking had started, and his arrival was the signal for prolonged applause and cheering. At the moment he arrived, Lieut Gov Youngman left, and that was taken as a cue by Commissioner Conry, who is of a different political persuasion, again to set the people cheering.

The Mayor was introduced by Pres Joseph A. Tomasello. His chief plea was for Americans to have faith in America.

"After traveling the roads of pessimism," began the Mayor, "in Washington, where everyone is afraid of his own shadow, and in our own city, where everyone is fearful of which bank will fail next, I am exceedingly pleased to enter a gathering charged with the optimism you have displayed in my reception.

"It is easy to be optimistic, I mean you roadbuilders, in the Spring when many roads are going to be built, but for you to continue cheerful when all are in the throes of the deepest depression exemplifies the highest type of Americanism and the highest type of Americans ever assembled under a single roof in this country in many years."

### Hoover and Mellon Story

His impressions of what he saw in Washington he summed in a story about the President and Secretary Mellon. He represented them as walking along Pennsylvania av, when President Hoover asked Secretary Mellon

for a nickel to telephone.

"Who you going to phone?" asked Mellon.

"A friend," replied the President.

"Then here's a dime," replied Mellon. "Phone all your friends."

"That," said the Mayor, "may appear far-fetched, but it's not far from the truth. I've been in Washington during the past 10 days, and my observation is that the national Capital represented an old-fashioned wake-house. In common with most Americans, I, too, am becoming a bit of a pessimist, myself. I have been an optimist for the past two years, but daily we get reports at the Public Welfare Department that there is an unending increase in unemployment.

### Denounces Cry of Economy

"The trouble hinges on this: The business man, large and small, goes to the banker and asks for a loan. His answer from the bank president is, 'We must keep our bank liquid.' And in order that the banks may be kept liquid, industry is being allowed to remain dead and the streets are being filled with the unemployed."

For a few minutes the Mayor turned away from his arraignment of the banker to consider construction and unemployment. "We have built more roads in the last two years," he said, "than in any 10-year period in the history of America. It is a splendid investment, it makes for convenience.

It makes for health, it makes for safety and it makes for beauty.

"What about the outlook for 1932? All we hear is leaders crying for economy. They say the only way to get back to prosperity and to normalcy is by means of a rigid policy of economy. They cry, 'Stop spending!' But we can't stop spending, because it means we must resort to doles.

"I'd rather spend \$100,000,000 a year in keeping people at work than spend \$100 for doles." That remark brought a storm of applause.

### Wants Leader Like Italy's

"How about our own country? I wish, sincerely, that we had a leader in America as they have in Italy. There, every last dollar is being spent to preserve self-respect and to keep those at work who want to work."

Mayor Curley then returned to his attack on the American bankers.

"What about the banks here? They insist upon keeping liquid and in stifling industry. Why? Because they anticipate the repudiation of national obligations by Germany, by England, by other European countries, and will

those countries repudiate if we don't they will. Our money is just like stocks bought on margin two years ago, it's gone. The only way we'll ever get it back is by war, and all the money in the world is not worth a war.

"It is time that the plain citizen asserted himself. Say to the banker: 'It's about time you gave up staying liquid, and spent some money. Spend some American money—in America!'

"It is about time that we stopped saving the rest of the world and save America, or we may lose our country.

"I stand for the preservation of America regardless of any country in the world.

"We are now on the eve of the third year of depression. We have lost no land, we have suffered no scourge, we have lost no population, we have more agencies for production, more wheat, more oil, more coal, more manufacturing than any country in the world. But we have no faith in America!"

He recalled the example of George Washington at Valley Forge, and he pleaded: "Let us go on with courage to another higher and more noble destiny than ever has been before any country in the history of the world!"

### Youngman for Fair Play

Lieut Gov Youngman in his address alluded to his defense of Massachusetts contractors carried on in the Executive Council. "I was merely trying for fair play for the road-builder. There was a time when I was discouraged, but now I hope that we have got the matter of awards and contracts in a state where they will now be awarded with a view to fair play."

Mr Tomasello opened with speaking with a brief address in which he told of the history of the organization and of its progress in bringing about better and more efficient construction. He said that the interests of the public are being upheld by the meeting of public officials, such as at last night's gathering, and the contractors.

Among the officials present from the New England States were Asst Engineer Ernest L. Merrill, Maine State Highway Commission; Commissioner Frederic E. Everett, New Hampshire Highway Department; Road Engineer A. J. Runnals, Vermont Department of Highways; Col Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of Transit Commission of Boston; Chief Engineer George H. Henderson, Rhode Island State Board of Public Roads; Deputy Commissioner Elmer C. Welden, Connecticut Highway Department.

Others present included Pres William R. Smith of the American Road Builders' Association and officers of the association; Joseph McCormick, Frederick Holt, Alan M. Thompson, David A. Bridge, Ralph M. Davis, Charles F. Knowlton, C. Joseph Maney, D. W. Overrocker and Louis R. Penhll. There was a program of entertainment arranged by a committee composed of the organization's officers.



# CURLEY ORDERS PROMPT REFORM IN PURCHASING

Drastic Revision of Methods Foreseen—To Increase Personnel

INFERIOR GASOLINE,  
FROZEN MEAT CITED

City Hospital Paid Far More for Provisions Than Massachusetts General

The finance commission yesterday made public a sweeping indictment of the municipal supply department charging avoidable annual waste, because of incompetency and favoritism, of hundreds of thousands of dollars in aggregate purchases of \$5,000,000.

Mayor Curley simultaneously announced the immediate establishment of a municipal laboratory, the increasing of the personnel of the supply department, and the adoption, without reservation, of eight specific recommendations of the commission calculated to result in drastic changes in the purchasing system.

Specifically the commission charged the squandering of \$125,000 annually in purchases of meats involving \$500,000 for the City Hospital and other institutions; \$25,000 in purchases of fruits and vegetables amounting to \$140,000; an indeterminate sum in the buying of automobiles and tires; the acceptance of a quality of gasoline far inferior to the stipulated standard, and gross inefficiency in buying reflected by purchase in small lots instead of in quantities sufficient to meet annual needs of departments.

## RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

To correct evils discovered by commission investigators, who found that prices paid by the city for supplies at the City Hospital were far in excess of prices paid for goods of equal or better quality purchased by the Massachusetts General Hospital, and that in other purchases prices were from 10 to 100 per cent. above what should have been paid, these recommendations were presented to Mayor Curley:

An annual program of purchases for a full year based on intelligent study of actual needs.

Uniform buying for all departments.

Grouping of orders to permit the making of long term contracts.

Open competition among reliable merchants and the elimination of middlemen.

Analysis of prices to assure knowledge of existing market levels.

Issuance of orders in detail to allow proper inspection.

Provision for constant inspections.

Payment of bills based upon reports of inspections.

In connection with the investigation the commission reported that no justification was found for the recognition accorded the Mohawk Packing Company which has furnished meats to the City Hospital to the amount of \$350,000 a year. This concern, the commission reported, has transmitted city orders to packing houses for delivery and assurance has been given by the wholesaler dealers of their willingness to sell the city at prices approximately those charged to the Mohawk concern.

The system of purchasing automobiles and tires, and the failure of the supply department to receive proper "turn in value" for pleasure cars and trucks was sharply assailed by the commission, which revealed that reputable tire dealers have offered to sell to the city at 27½ per cent. below the list prices in comparison with payments which have been made by the supply department at either the full list price or 10 per cent. in excess.

In criticising the automobile situation, the commission strongly urged a cessation of the practice of buying cars at \$2000 and \$3000 for department heads and other officials and urged on the mayor the establishment of a municipal taxicab system which will require a few cars that will be at the disposal of officials engaged in legitimate city business.

In defence of his department Superintendent of Supplies Philip A. Chapman challenged the statement of the commission that the department lacks trained purchasers and asserted that three of the personnel of 18 are acknowledged experts. He urged that other employees who have served in the department for more than 10 years should be given greater responsibility loss of supplies.

Chapman referred the City Hospital meat-buying issue to the steward, to whom he attributed responsibility for purchases, prior to the inauguration recently of a new system, recommended by the finance commission, which is intended to insure uniformity in price and quality as well as United States government inspection of all meats.

That changes have already been made in the system of buying gasoline and tires was admitted by Chapman in a general statement, but he maintained that he was not in agreement with the complaints about failure to obtain proper "turn-in value" on automobiles.

## MAYOR REPLIES

Disagreeing with the commission on the question of buying in quantities sufficient for annual needs, Chapman said: "Purchasing on a yearly basis as suggested has undoubtedly merit, but the system of buying when needed resulted in many instances this year in real savings to the city because of steadily falling prices from month to month."

Chapman concurred with the idea of a municipal laboratory and in forwarding his answer to the commission charges. Mayor Curley wrote:

I have instructed the superintendent of supplies to confer with the budget commissioner at once and arrange for an appropriation to cover the installation of a testing laboratory and for such additional clerical help as may be necessary.

The recommendations as made by the finance commission are most constructive in character and it is my purpose that they be adopted without delay.

The superintendent of supplies has stated that it is his purpose to confer with the best experts obtainable with reference to the establishment of a purchasing system and to this I have assented.

In its arraignment of the department the commission stressed the failure to develop a comprehensive system for learning the needs, in volume, quality or time, of consumption of the vast amount of the supplies used by city departments. Payment of exorbitant prices for which department heads are held jointly culpable because of their acquiescence is condemned as is the system which permits of wide discrepancies between official records in the auditing and supply departments.

## CLAIM RIDICULED

The claim of the department that advertised competition produces too much competition is ridiculed, as is the practice, now reported abolished, of ignoring reputable wholesale firms and favoring smaller firms, characterized as middlemen.

With reference to gasoline, the commission disclosed that toward the end of a six months' period covered by contract it was discovered that the city had paid in excess of contract stipulations and that no effort had been made to discover if the gasoline met specifications.

Investigators discovered that while the supply department maintained that its officials were without knowledge that an inferior grade of gasoline had been delivered, the city chemist had analyzed several samples for departmental use and had found the gasoline below specifications.

The commission repeated its charge that although edgestones were purchased under rigid specifications, gross defects were tolerated with resultant loss of many thousands of dollars.

Exposing the system of buying meats for institutions the commission disclosed that four firms shared the business. One held the monopoly at the City Hospital, another at the Sanatorium, a third at Long Island and the fourth at Deer Island. "The commission's investigators", the report set forth, "found that often the meat has been furnished and consumed before the price lists were received and at three of the institutions the requisitions and orders were so loosely written that it was impossible to ascertain what grade of foodstuffs was to be provided."

## FEDERAL INSPECTION

To prevent continuance of such conditions the commission has successfully insisted that all meats must bear the stamp of federal inspectors.

A significant feature of the report was the revelation that inspection of the refrigerator at the City Hospital disclosed frozen chicken and pork when fresh meats had been ordered and paid for. A comparison between the meats at the hospital and the sanatorium showed a better grade at the latter institution in spite of the payment of lower prices.



# **HIGH SCHOOL ORDER NOW UP TO MAYOR**

## **\$920,000 Measure Passed Finally in City Council**

The order for the expenditure of \$920,000 for high school construction, on a site at Wilder st in the Grove Hall district selected by the School Committee, now awaits the signature of Mayor Curley. The order got its second and final reading, passing by a vote of 17 to 4. Councillors Kelly, Dowd, Fish and Wilson voted against and Arnold, Bush, Cox, Donovan, Englert, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray, Norton, Power and Ruby voted in favor.

A joint order bearing the names of Councillors Kelly, Dowd, Fish and Wilson calling upon the Mayor to hear representatives of 13 Dorchester civic organizations before he signs the bill was defeated. The latter as well as the Dorchester Councillors—Kelly, Fish and Wilson—have constantly opposed the site at Wilder st and voiced with civic organizations a preference for

a location at Geneva av and Bowdoin st in the Meeting House Hill section.

### **Norton Recently in Europe**

Councillor Norton made his first appearance since his reelection, having been away on a tour of Europe. On a measure before the high school order was reached, the Hyde Park Councillor voted against appropriations for additions and improvements of playgrounds, declaring that playgrounds should wait; that it was the first duty to feed the people in a year "when we don't know where we are to get the money with which to feed the poor."

Mr Norton, speaking on the high school order, made a short summing up and expressed the opinion that the School Committee should decide where the high school should be located and the board, having decided on Wilder st, he declared he would vote for the order.

Councillor Wilson, for the benefit of the record, completely analyzed the school situation in Dorchester and pointed out that the Dorchester section has 25 percent of the high school population of the city, but has only 9 percent of the city's high school accommodations.

### **Garbage, Wood, Advertising**

An order was again introduced by Councillor Dowd asking Mayor Curley to request the Finance Commission to supply the City Council with copies

of its investigation of contract. The latter contract will be the subject of a public hearing in the City Council chamber tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mayor Curley, in an order introduced by Councillor Wilson, is requested to confer with the Metropolitan District Commission about the advisability of permitting the public to carry away the wood and underbrush being cut in the Blue Hills and other parts of the park system. The Councillor declared that much of the cutting is being burned to clear it up and that the poor could get much badly needed fuel that otherwise would be destroyed.

Councillor Kelly offered an order that a complete report of the minutes of the City Council be printed in Boston newspapers in the form of paid advertising. The Dorchester Councillor believes that the people of Boston would like to read every word uttered in that august body. He also offered an order, that passed, calling for an addition to the present sanatorium buildings, River st, Mattapan.

### **APPROVES NAMING ROXBURY PARK FOR SCHOOLTEACHER**

Mayor Curley yesterday approved the naming of a park at Moreland, Fairland and Winthrop sts, Roxbury, in memory of Gertrude Howes, former schoolteacher and well-known philanthropist.

## **Aids in Fight Against Tuberculosis!**



(Daily Record Photo)

### **Worthy Cause!**

Miss Mary Curley, daughter of Mayor Curley, is shown as she made sale of Christmas Seals to Joseph Cotten, Copley Theater's leading man, at the Ritz Carlton yesterday, marking opening of Christmas Seal Sale Booth in front of the Ritz. Miss Curley is chairman of both women's



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# CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES BOOTH OPENED BY MISS MARY CURLEY



JOSEPH COTTEN, LEADING MAN OF COPLEY THEATRE COMPANY, PURCHASES FIRST CHRISTMAS SEALS AT BOOTH OPENED YESTERDAY BY MISS MARY CURLEY (RIGHT) IN THE LOBBY OF THE RITZ-CARLTON.

The Christmas Seal sales booth in the lobby of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel was officially opened yesterday when Joseph Cotten, leading man of the Copley Theatre company, purchased some seals from Miss Mary Curley, daughter of Mayor Curley. Miss Curley is chairman of the booth workers selling seals for the Boston Tuberculosis Association.

**Now He Is Told**  
Mayor Curley's political sagacity has seldom appeared to better advantage than in his decision taken last night. The mayor determined no longer to withhold from the public the Finance Commission's report on mismanagement and extravagance in the city's purchasing department. Today the full text is available for all business men and taxpayers to read. In asking four days ago, "When can it be told?" we urged that open and frank publication was the only sound course for the protection of Boston's business against wasteful administration. Mayor Curley deserves commendation for now following that course, instead of seeking to prolong the specious protection given by mystery.

His honor has gone further, and has admitted that the criticisms made by the Finance Commission are largely justified. Its recommendations for reform he declares his purpose to order adopted without delay. The city of Boston will at once confer with the best possible experts in order to reconstruct its purchasing department along the lines of a soundly conducted business. Everyone knows the great values and savings which have been made possible for the State of Massachusetts through the modern and capable business management of the Commonwealth's purchasing office conducted by the State Commission on Administration and Finance. There is no reason why City Hall's annual expenditure of millions of dollars for goods and supplies cannot be equally well administered. Indeed, if Mayor Curley will now press his decision with vigor, there is no reason why such savings cannot admittedly produce some reductions of the city's budget to be made up for the year 1932. Upon that hope, Boston's taxpayers have every right to insist.

As we said on Friday, to keep Boston's finances sound, the most necessary thing is that the city's finances shall be soundly administered, without waste and without extravagance. And to help business advance in these times, it is extremely important to make sure that all business men are given an equal and fair chance to do business, whether with the city, the State, or the public at large.

## FRANKLIN PARK RECEIPTS \$33,082

### Chairman Long's Report on the Golf Course

Chairman William P. Long, in a report to Mayor Curley on the Franklin Park golf course for the season opening April 16 and ending Dec 8, said that the registered attendance was 68,295; number of rounds played, 80,000, and cash receipts \$33,082.

Of the \$33,082, annual permits represented \$21,620; daily permits \$9732; lockers \$1785; Saturday, Sunday and holiday permits \$504, and incidentals \$41.

## New Roxbury Park to Be Named for Teacher

The new park in the area bounded by Moreland, Fair and Winthrop sts., Roxbury, will be named in memory of the late Miss Gertrude Howes of that district, who was a school teacher there for many years and was widely known for her philanthropies, Mayor Curley announced yesterday.

### TO PRINT CITY BUSINESS

Publication of the minutes of the city council in Boston newspapers was requested of Mayor Curley in an order passed by the council.

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# Report Assails the Slip-Shod Methods and Lack of Proper Inspections

## Received Little or Nothing for Turn-in on Autos Used Only Short Time

Complaints that the city paid \$150,000 too much for meats, fruits and vegetables supplied to the City Hospital and other municipal institutions during the last year by a selected group of dealers, without public competition, were disclosed in the long-awaited report of the Finance Commission's investigation of the supply department, which was made public last night by Mayor Curley.

### DELIVERED FROZEN MEAT

Not only did the city pay from 10 to 100 per cent in excess of the market prices but because of inspection which the Finance Commission branded as "slipshod, haphazard and practically worthless," frozen chicken and pork were delivered to the hospital in place of fresh meats.

Of the city's meat bill of \$500,000 a year, \$350,000 went to the Mohawk Packing Company, which the Finance Commission classes as a "middle-man carrying little if any stock." The report stated that the hospital steward went directly to the big packers, but ordered in the name of the Mohawk "solely to permit that company to add its profit to the charge of the packing company."

### Waste in Automobile

In the purchase of \$250,000 worth of automobiles a year the city bought cars without advertising for competition or any attempt to obtain a fair value for the old cars turned in, citing as an example an allowance of only \$150 on an automobile which had been bought new by the city only the year before for \$1700.

Tires and tubes were sold to the city at times for 10 per cent above the list price, while Finance Commission investigators walked into the same dealers as perfect strangers and got them at a discount without revealing their identity.

### Way Over Market Price

Similarly the Finance Commission compared the meat prices paid by the City Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital, showing that the city paid 25 cents a pound for liver while the Massachusetts General Hospital paid 14

liver for 13 cents, the price quoted in the market.

The Finance Commission protested that the city did not fix the prices in advance of purchases, but permitted the selected dealers to deliver the meats to the City Hospital and then send the price lists to City Hall after the meats had been consumed.

Records in the purchasing department were found to be merely a gesture by the investigators, who reported that while the purchasing records showed that materials had only been ordered, the bills in the auditor's office showed at the same time that they had been delivered and paid.

### Only Half on Contract

Only half of the city's annual purchases of \$5,000,000 a year were covered on contract and 24 per cent of the contracts were awarded without competition and often without advertising, the report stated.

As an example of the failure to check the delivery with the orders, the commission reported that the city paid \$1500 in excess of the contract for a six-month supply of gasoline which on being tested by M. I. T. chemists proved to be of inferior quality to that which had been ordered.

Lack of trained buyers and inspectors in the supply department, together with the lack of detail in the specifications of the orders, and the need of a testing laboratory were responsible in large measure for the city paying top prices and often exorbitant prices.

As a result of the Finance Commission investigation, the report contended that since early October the city has been making a saving of about \$100,000 a year in meat prices alone, the dealers having agreed to drop the prices overnight when called into conference by Chairman Frank A. Goodwin.

### Could Get Lower Prices

He estimated that even lower prices could be obtained if the purchases were opened to competition by all the responsible dealers and if the city adopted the policy of mass buying instead of making scattering purchases.

As an indication of the failure to obtain volume prices by grouping orders, the report stated that the city places orders for \$10,000 worth of miscellaneous groceries per month, without contract or testing; \$80,000 worth of eggs a year without contract, and \$66,000 worth of coffee and tea without

contract, competition or regular testing. "The failure to group the purchases into large orders enough to justify contracts is bad enough, and there is

no excuse for it, because the supply department can easily obtain by a little effort a complete knowledge of what it will have to buy in the course of a year.

"Add to this failure the neglect to standardize purchases, to make intelligent effort to find out proper prices, or to make proper inspection, and it is conceivable that the city is spending many hundreds of thousands of dollars a year that there is no justification for," protested the Finance Commission.

### Recommendations

As means of perfecting a purchasing system, the Finance Commission recommended:

1—Make early in every year a programme of purchases for the year based on a study of the actual needs.

2—Provide for a study of the uses for which supplies are obtained so that there will be relatively uniform buying for all departments.

3—Permit the grouping of orders so that purchase can be made by contract for annual or periodic supply.

4—Obtain open competition from reliable merchants and avoid the necessity for paying an unnecessary middle profit.

5—Make such an analysis of prices as will keep the department informed of the proper price and will not leave the city at the mercy of the firm to which the order is given.

6—Write its orders in such detail that proper inspection can follow.

7—Either make inspection itself or satisfy itself that proper inspection is made of deliveries.

8—Obtain reports of inspection and govern itself accordingly in the approval of bills and the giving of future orders.

### Now in Effect

Practically all of the recommendations of the Finance Commission have been put into effect already, and those that remain will become effective without delay, Superintendent of Supplies Philip A. Chapman, revealed last night in an official report to the Mayor.

This was made possible by the new policy introduced by Chairman Goodwin to withhold Finance Commission reports from publication until the city either adopted recommendations or filed them. As a result of the co-operation between the Finance Commission and City Hall, the reform in the city's purchasing methods has in the main become an accomplished fact.

Although the commission report was not transmitted to the Mayor until Nov. 7, the investigators had been recommending improvements in the department throughout the conduct of their probe which started about seven months ago.

### Adopted "Without Delay"

Commenting on the report last night the Mayor stated: "The recommendations as made by the Finance Commission are most constructive in character, and it is my purpose that they be adopted without delay.

"The superintendent of supplies has stated that it is his purpose to confer with the best experts obtainable with reference to the perfecting of a purchasing system, and to this I have assented," the Mayor informed the Finance Commission.

He declared he had instructed the superintendent of supplies to confer with the budget commissioner at once and arrange for an appropriation to cover the installation of a testing laboratory and for such additional clerical help as may be required.



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**GROVE HALL  
SCHOOL TO  
BE ERECTED**

**\$920,000 Loan Order  
Passed by Council  
17 to 4**

Controversy over the location of the proposed Dorchester high school for girls which has been agitated for the past seven months was brought to an abrupt end last night when the City Council formally and finally approved the \$920,000 loan order requested by the school authorities to start construction immediately at Wilder street, Grove Hall, near the Roxbury line.

**VOTE IS 17 TO 4**

Last minute drives to block the order were made by Councillors Kelly, Wilson and Fish of Dorchester, with Dowd of Roxbury, but they failed on the roll-call which adopted the measure by a vote of 17 to 4.

Leading the opposition, Councillor Kelly appealed for a delay until the leaders of 13 Dorchester civic organizations might be given a public hearing by the Mayor on their demands for the selection of a different location, but the Council voted this move down.

**Site Already Purchased**

In urging the adoption of the loan order, Councillor Israel Ruby of Dorchester pointed out that the city already had purchased the Grove Hall site at a cost of \$40,000 and had prepared architects' plans costing about \$17,000 more, so that construction could start without delay and provide work for 300 members of the building trades.

In addition to providing unemployment relief, Councillor Ruby insisted that the school was actually needed at Grove Hall to take care of the overflow of 700 girls of high school age who were unable to obtain seats at the Dorchester and Roxbury Memorial High School.

**Want Speeches Printed**

Publication in full of the minutes of the City Council meetings in the newspapers was advocated by Councillor Kelly in an order adopted by the Council, which will be presented to the Mayor for approval. Kelly insisted that the people had the right to know the remarks of all the 22 members of the City Council at the meetings, and he expressed the wish that the Mayor might view the proposal in the same light and approve the advertising bills.

Higher pay for the special justices of the Municipal Court was assured by the Council yesterday in accepting for Boston special legislation provided earlier this year by the General Court.

**Means \$5 More a Day**

In urging acceptance of the legislative act, Councillor Israel Ruby of Dorchester explained that the special justices will receive \$30 instead of \$25 for each day they sit in court in the future.

Free fuel for those who care to carry it home was recommended by the Council in appealing to the Metropolitan District Commission to place at the disposal of the poor brush wood now being cut down and burned in the Blue Hills and other Metropolitan reservations. In presenting the order for the approval of the commission, Councillor Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Dorchester, explained that it would not only provide the poor with wood but it would save the State the expense of disposing of it.

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**RAPS REAL ESTATE  
EXCHANGE EXPERTS  
Mayor Cites Alleged Cases  
of Hostility to Efforts**

Charging that the city of Boston has lost huge sums of money through the action of members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange, Mayor Curley yesterday issued a statement, enumerating what he termed specific cases. He also declared that attacks on the assessing department were part of a program to discredit the city, in order to block public improvements which he termed essential if work rather than dole is to be provided during the year 1932 for the citizens of Boston.

The first case cited by Mayor Curley was referred to as the Tarbell property on North Market st, taken for tunnel purposes. It was assessed in 1930 for \$240,000, with owner value placed at \$400,000. Three members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange testified to values of \$361,717, \$330,000 and \$365,000, respectively.

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# RAPS BUYING POLICY OF CITY

## Finance Commission Hits Lack of Competition

### Says \$145,000 Excess Paid for Hospital Supplies

#### Mayor Agrees New Method Should Be Adopted

The Finance Commission report of its investigation of the methods of purchasing for the city of Boston by the Supply Department was made public yesterday by Mayor Curley.

It charges, among other things, that the city paid \$120,000 in the past year for City Hospital meats in excess of the market prices and that the cost of vegetables and fruit was \$25,000 over the market.

It was also charged that the City Hospital received frozen meat and poultry when fresh was paid for.

#### No Trained Buyers

Complaint is also made that, with one exception, there are no trained buyers in the department; that price-fixing is left to firms selling the city and fixed after goods have been delivered and consumed; that orders are not grouped; that 24 percent of the business was given without competition; that one firm handling 75 percent of the fruit and vegetables was often paid twice the market price and demand is made that a testing laboratory be installed by the city.

Much of the report is devoted to the Boston City Hospital food supplies, and it is said that the Mohawk Packing Company, which sells approximately \$350,000 worth of meat to the hospital alone in a year, "is only a middle-man; that it carries little, if any, stock; and that, as a matter of fact, the hospital buyer goes direct to the packers for his supply."

Tables of comparative meat prices paid by the City Hospital, Deer Island, Long Island and the Boston Sanatorium showed the City Hospital to be the highest. Deer Island, Long Island and the Sanatorium are supplied by other concerns. Higher prices were also paid for fruits and vegetables for the City Hospital.

According to the commission's report, conferences were participated in by the firms supplying meats to the city and representatives of city institutions and of the Supply Department, and as a result overnight the prices were dropped for an estimated

weekly saving of \$2066.50.

It is also charged that the city overpaid \$1500 and received inferior gasoline over a certain period.

The charge is made that practically the entire year's supply of granite edgestone contracted under rigid specifications was grossly defective; that \$250,000 worth of automobiles are bought without competition; that \$30,000 is paid among a few restricted dealers for tires and tubes at list prices, and it is charged there is no intelligent effort to obtain a proper turn-in value on cars and trucks.

One department, it is charged, accepted a \$150 allowance for a car which a year before cost the department approximately \$1700.

#### System Suggested

The Finance Commission recommended that the Mayor require the Supply Department to develop a system which shall:

1. Make early in every year a program of purchases for the year based on a study of the actual needs.
2. Provide for a study of the uses for which supplies are obtained so that there will be relatively uniform buying for all departments.
3. Permit the grouping of orders so that purchase can be made by contract for annual or periodic supply.
4. Obtain open competition from reliable merchants and avoid the necessity for paying an unnecessary middle profit.
5. Make such an analysis of prices as will keep the department informed of the proper price and will not leave the city at the mercy of the firm to which the order is given.
6. Write its orders in such detail that proper inspection can follow.
7. Either make inspection itself or satisfy itself that proper inspection is made of deliveries.
8. Obtain reports of inspection and govern itself accordingly in the approval of bills and the giving of future orders.

#### Created in 1908

The Supply Department was created in 1908. Philip A. Chapman, superintendent of supplies, was appointed to the office in March of last year and according to his report to Mayor Curley, "inherited the system." Mr Chapman's statement to Mayor Curley regarding the Finance Commission report is as follows:

"The report as submitted is a criticism of a system in force for many years. That system I inherited upon assuming the office of superintendent of supplies in March, 1930.

"Upon assuming this office I studied conditions and found that because of a shortage of clerks, the purchase records containing prices and quantities had been abandoned and that no annual report had been made for years prior to my appointment.

"I asked for and received from Your Honor two additional clerks. I secured the services of an expert on record systems who outlined our requirements and a system of accounts was put in operation in September, 1930. With the recording of the October, 1931, draft we will have a full year's records without which it would not be possible to put into operation the recommendations of the Finance Commission.

"I also found that many departments were doing their own buying on large numbers of items and sending a confirming requisition with the price and place where bought, so that the Supply Department's duty consisted solely of typing the orders. This has been changed.

"Some of the recommendations in the report were called to my attention by the Finance Commission prior to the receipt of their report by you and these were put in operation.

"The Supply Department has only 18 employes and the criticism of them was not warranted by the facts. It states none of them are experts, with one exception, despite the fact that three are acknowledged experts. In addition, many of the employes have been in the department over 10 years and have acquired a keen knowledge of purchasing and should be given greater responsibility.

#### Refers to Steward

"A large part of the report refers to the purchase of meats and vegetables at the City Hospital. The steward at the hospital, who has been in charge there for many years, has had so much experience in the needs of the hospital that he has given unusual time and thought to the personal selection of the best foodstuffs obtainable.

"Nevertheless, through conference with the Finance Commission some time ago, a new system was put in force whereby the quality and price to this and other departments will be uniform with Government inspection. This system will remain in effect if it proves to be for the best interest of the patients of the hospital and the city.

"In reference to gasoline, a conference with the Finance Commission was held and a system of testing is now in effect which should be satisfactory.

"The recommendation relative to tires is in effect.

"With reference to turn-in values, I have always had a check-up made on the value of all cars turned in.

"I concur in the recommendation for a city laboratory and trust Your Honor will be able to provide funds this year for this work.

"Purchasing on a yearly basis as suggested by the Finance Commission has undoubted merit, but the system of buying when needed resulted in many instances this year in real savings to the city because of steadily falling prices from month to month. I intend to put the system of yearly buying into effect with as little delay as possible.

"I intend to ask your authority to make provision in the budget for establishment of a laboratory for the testing of supplies, for additional clerical hire and for additional inspectors, if I find I am unable to comply with the recommendations with my present force.

"It has been my purpose to obtain the best quality in goods required by my department, and I shall be pleased to confer and cooperate with the Finance Commission in the establishment of a system that will result in the highest degree of efficiency."

#### Mayor's Letter

Mayor Curley, in forwarding to the Finance Commission a copy of the report made by Mr Chapman, sent the following letter declaring that the Finance Commission's recommendations are constructive in character; his purpose that they be adopted without delay, and that steps have been taken to arrange for an appropriation for a testing laboratory.

The Mayor wrote:

"I beg to forward herewith communication received from the Superintendent of Supplies for the city of Boston, the same constituting a reply to the report submitted by the Finance Commission under date of December 15, 1931."



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# Real Estate Exchange Experts 'Gouge' City, Is Curley Charge

## Mayor, in New Attack, Demands Organization Rid Itself of Those Whom He Blames for Heavy Verdicts on Land Taken

Mayor Curley last night demanded that the Boston Real Estate Exchange rid its membership of real estate experts whom he accused of gouging the city of huge sums in payment for properties taken for public improvements.

In a bristling retort to recent critical statements of his attitude on municipal financial problems, the mayor attacked the exchange for the adoption of a program which he said was fraught with danger to the financial structure of the city, assailed real estate experts by citing specific examples of alleged deliberate overvaluation of property exceeding by at least 100 per cent, the taxable valuation, and advised the exchange to take this action:

"Clean house, be honest with the people of Boston, refrain from indulging in subterfuge and think a little bit of the welfare of the people of the city, rather than the welfare of its individual members."

The mayor blamed real estate experts for the heavy verdicts that have been rendered against the city and accused them of adhering to a practice which imposes an extremely low valuation on property in controversies about tax assessments and an unwarrantedly high value on the same properties when they are taken by the city for public improvements.

The mayor's statement in part:

It is unfortunate that the Boston Real Estate Exchange, by its attack on the assessing department of the city of Boston has compelled me to present specific cases where in the city of Boston has suffered the loss of huge sums of money through the action of members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange.

### SEES FINANCES IN DANGER

I consider it my duty to stand between these designing, pseudo public benefactors and the people's money, and this I propose to continue doing, regardless of the social or financial standing of the individual or group. It is part of a program to discredit the city, in order to block public improvements essential if work rather than dolo is to be provided during the year 1932 for the citizens of Boston. In their efforts to discredit the assessing department they do not hesitate to attack the financial status of the city, at a time when such a course is dangerous. The fact is that if they were permitted to consummate their program without protest from me the entire financial structure of the city would be endangered.

The public will be interested to know that these same men who decry the high valuations of real estate in Boston and who would have it understood that the valuations placed by the board of assessors are

all out of proportion to the real values, are the same men who under oath in court have but recently testified in cases where the city of Boston has taken property by eminent domain that the assessed values were in most cases from 100 to 200 per cent, too low and are responsible in the main for the large verdicts rendered against the city of Boston in these cases.

Are values in Boston to be determined by forced sales of real estate in order to close up trust estates? If the board of assessors were to accept the valuation of this property as being \$26,000 it would necessarily follow that the 2865 square feet of land occupied by this property would have a value of approximately \$9 a foot, including the building, which was a well built three-story building. Any one with

any understanding of real estate valuation in this particular locality must appreciate that a valuation of \$9 per square foot, including the building is absurd. It is well known that land in the immediate vicinity of this property, in every direction has an established value of more than \$20 per square foot. It should be noted also that the assessed valuation of the building in question is more than \$24,000, which is far less than the replacement cost of this building. It is interesting to note that real estate experts who are members in the Boston Real Estate Exchange in their testimony in the various cases in court, involving the widening of Court street, placed the value of the property taken in every case much higher than the assessed valuation.

My advice to the Boston Real Estate Exchange is to clean house, be honest with the people of Boston, refrain from indulging in subterfuge and think a little bit of the welfare of the people of the city, rather than the welfare of its individual members.

# CURLEY IN ATTACK ON EXCHANGE

## Claims Real Estate Men Caused City Huge Loss

Replying to the defence of the State Board of Tax Appeals by the Boston Real Estate Exchange. Mayor Curley, last night, branded many members of the exchange as "pseudo public benefactors" who had caused the city the loss of huge sums of money through their paid testimony in land damage cases before the courts.

### DIFFERENT STANDARDS

He protested that the same group of men who insist that downtown valuations were too high for assessment purposes go to court and under oath testify that the assessed valuations are from 100 to 200 per cent too low when the city takes downtown property by eminent domain.

These real estate experts from the Real Estate Exchange and not the juries were responsible for the large verdicts granted in land damage cases against the city, the Mayor contended, urging the exchange to "clean house, be honest with the people of Boston, refrain from indulging in subterfuge and think a little bit about the welfare of the people of the city, rather than in the welfare of its individual members."

The attacks upon the city assessing department, particularly by the Real Estate Exchange, the Mayor protested, were "part of a programme to discredit the city in order to block public improvements. In their efforts to discredit the assessing department," complained the Mayor, "they do not hesitate to attack the financial status of the city, at a time when such a course is dangerous."

"The fact is that if they were permitted to consummate their programme without protest from me, the entire financial structure of the city would be endangered. I consider it my duty to stand between these designing, pseudo public benefactors and the people's money, and this I propose to do," promised the Mayor, "regardless of the social or financial standing of the individual or group."

In his reply to the Exchange, the Mayor presented a list of several court cases in which large awards against the city resulted after members of the exchange testified that the property was worth twice the assessed valuation. He offered to present more examples if the Exchange desired.



# SUPER POWER ACCUSED OF PROTECTION

Probes Stopped, the Fin. Com.  
Head Claims, While Com-  
monwealth Is Bilked

As Mayor Curley was ordering a reform in the city purchasing methods, Frank A. Goodwin, chairman of the Finance Commission, turned his verbal guns on state officials today.

Goodwin's commission last night reported a heavy city loss on purchases of supplies through lack of system and proper inspection.

"Conditions are just as bad at the State House," Goodwin said today.

"The State is being cheated even more than the city of Boston, from information that I have, but there is no one with the power to investigate."

## NEW PROBE ON TODAY

He referred to the investigations of the Bridgewater Hospital and Norfolk prison colony and said they "hardly got started when the super-government got busy and stopped the investigations."

Since the investigations that were halted, a new committee of the Governor's Council was formed to probe conditions there and went to Norfolk prison colony today.

The city's needs for protection were listed in eight recommendations of the commission for a new system.

## \$125,000 MEAT WASTE

The commission's report specifically charged that \$125,000 was wasted annually in the \$500,000 annual purchase of meats for the City Hospital and other institutions; \$25,000 in \$140,000 purchases of fruits and vegetables; an undetermined sum in purchases of autos and tires; use of gasoline of inferior quality and general inefficiency in buying.

The report stated that \$350,000 of the city's \$500,000 meat bill went to the Mohawk Packing Co., named in the report as a "middleman, carrying little if any stock."

## DEALERS SET OWN PRICE

It was also stated that a comparison between the Massachusetts General and City Hospitals showed the latter paying 25 cents a pound for liver while the Massachusetts General paid only 13 cents, the quoted market price.

It was protested that the city did not fix the price in advance of purchases, but permitted selected dealers to deliver meats to the hospital and then send their price lists to City Hall.

The commission claim that lack of trained buyers and inspectors in the supply department, added to a lack of detail in specifications of orders, were responsible mostly for the city paying exorbitant prices.

# D. PRESSION GONE AGAIN

Dumped Into 100 Fathoms From Plane

"A man may be down—"

But what about a boogey-man?  
Listen to this—

Over the edge of the bulkhead at Boston Airport crawled a wet, slime-covered figure. Oozing water at every step, with a wreath of cabbage and carrots (decayed) ranging around his neck, the bedraggled figure made his way toward an airplane.

The figure crawled into the cockpit and slumped from view.  
Came Danny Duggan, owner and pilot.

"Hey! Wassamatter? Whatcha doin' here?"

"I'm General D. Pression," wheezed the figure, "and I wanna go home. I've been shot at, drowned, dumped in the garbage heap, run down and generally demoralized. I wanna go home."

"Yeah? Where do you come from?" queried Danny.

"I dunno, just take me somewhere—anywhere but here."

And a plane roared off the runway, disappeared toward the middle of the Atlantic, and when Duggan returned the General was not a passenger.

"Where is he?" asked a representative of Mayor Curley, who originally hurled the General into the harbor.

"Somewhere east of here—in about 100 fathoms of water," replied Danny with a grin. "He fell out, you know, when I flew upside down."

No serious charges will be preferred against Duggan. In fact, he was warmly congratulated by police, coast guards and the Mayor's office.

## \$60,482 For Zoo

### Buildings Asked

Mayor Curley yesterday requested the city council to authorize the expenditure of \$60,482 of the income of the George F. Parkman Fund for the construction of permanent buildings equipped with water, heat and lighting facilities at the animal range in the Franklin Park Zoo.

The Mayor acted at the request of Park Commissioner William P. Long, who stated that the present buildings in the range are dilapidated and are little more than corrals with wooden shelters.

# City Pays Too Much for Food, Says Goodwin

Reporting yesterday on its investigation of purchasing methods of the municipal supply department, the Boston Finance Commission found that city departments are paying exorbitant prices and that the keeping of records by the department is "simply a gesture."

The report, signed by Chairman Frank A. Goodwin and submitted to Mayor Curley, charges that lack of reliable data made it almost impossible for the present head of the department to compile an intelligent report for the year 1930, when it was made plain that it was his duty to do so.

"An illustration of the result of this inefficiency may be seen in the purchase of meats for the City Hospital, amounting annually to \$500,000. Four firms are given the orders from day to day without any written contract. The prices charged are from 10 to 100 per cent over current market rates and inspection by the city was haphazard and worthless," the report states.

The Finance Commission recommends a year-long program of purchases, based on a study of actual needs. The grouping of orders to permit contract purchasing and open competition from reliable merchants, and also insure proper inspection of deliveries.

Mayor Curley, on receipt of the report, said it was most constructive in character, and he instructed the superintendent of supplies to confer with the budget commissioner with a view to carrying out the suggestions contained in the report.



## Site Found in Purchase of Supplies Finance Commission Finds City Paid Above Market— Curley Orders Reform

In the long-awaited report of the Finance Commission's investigation of the supply department, which is made public by Mayor Curley. Charges are made that the city paid \$150,000 too much for meats, fruits and vegetables, supplied to the City Hospital and other municipal institutions during the last year, having purchased from a selected group of dealers, without public competition.

It is charged that not only did the city pay from 10 to 100 per cent in excess of the market prices, but because of "slipshod, haphazard and practically worthless inspection," frozen chicken and pork were delivered to the City Hospital in place of fresh meats.

The Mohawk Packing Company, which the Finance Commission characterizes as a "middle-man carrying little if any stock" had \$350,000 worth of the city's meat bill of \$500,000, the report stating that the hospital steward went directly to the big packers, but ordered in the name of the Mohawk, "solely to permit that company to add its profits to the charge of the packing company."

In the purchase of \$250,000 worth of automobiles a year the city bought cars without advertising for competition or any attempt to obtain a fair value for the old cars turned in, the commission charges, citing as an example an allowance of only \$150 on an automobile which had been bought new by the city only the year before for \$1700. Tires and tubes were sold to the city at times for 10 per cent above the list price, while finance commission investigators walked into the same dealers as perfect strangers and got them at a discount without revealing their identity.

### Way Over Market Price

The Finance Commission compared the meat prices paid by the City Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital, showing, it is claimed, that the city paid 25 cents a pound for liver while the Massachusetts General Hospital got its liver for 13 cents, the price quoted in the market.

The Finance Commission protests that the city did not fix the prices in advance of purchases, but permitted the selected dealers to deliver the meats to the City Hospital and then send the price lists to City Hall after the meats had been consumed.

Records in the purchasing department were found to be merely a gesture by the investigators, who reported that while the purchasing records showed that materials had only been ordered, the bills in the auditor's office showed at the same time that they had been delivered and paid.

### Only Half on Contract

Only half of the city's annual purchases of \$5,000,000 a year were ordered on contract and 24 per cent of the contracts were awarded without competition and often without advertising, the report stated.

Lack of trained buyers and inspectors in the supply department, together with the lack of detail in the specifications of the orders, and the need of a testing laboratory were responsible in large meas-

ure for the city paying top prices and often exorbitant prices.

As a result of the Finance Commission investigation, the report contended that since early October the city has been making a saving of about \$100,000 a year in meat prices alone, the dealers having agreed to drop the prices overnight when called into conference by Chairman Frank A. Goodwin. He estimated that even lower prices could be obtained if the purchases were opened to competition by all the responsible dealers and if the city adopted the policy of mass buying instead of making scattering purchases.

As an indication of the failure to obtain volume prices by grouping orders, the report stated, the city places orders for \$12,000 worth of miscellaneous groceries per month, without contract or testing; \$80,000 worth of eggs a year without contract, and \$66,000 worth of coffee and tea without contract, competition or regular testing.

### Recommendations

As means of perfecting a purchasing system, the Finance Commission recommended:

- 1.—Make early in every year a program of purchases for the year based on a study of the actual needs.
- 2.—Provide for a study of the uses for which supplies are obtained so that there will be relatively uniform buying for all departments.
- 3.—Permit the grouping of orders so that purchase can be made by contract for annual or periodic supply.
- 4.—Obtain open competition from reliable merchants and avoid the necessity for paying an unnecessary middle profit.
- 5.—Make such an analysis of prices as will keep the department informed of the proper price and will not leave the city at the mercy of the firm to which the order is given.
- 6.—Write its orders in such detail that proper inspection can follow.
- 7.—Either make inspection itself or satisfy itself that proper inspection is made of deliveries.
- 8.—Obtain reports of inspection and govern itself accordingly in the approval of bills and the giving of future orders.

### Now in Effect

Practically all of the recommendations of the Finance Commission have been put into effect already, and those that remain will become effective without delay. Superintendent of Supplies Philip A. Chapman, revealed in an official report to the mayor.

Commenting on the report the mayor stated: "The recommendations as made by the Finance Commission are most constructive in character, and it is my purpose that they be adopted without delay.

"The superintendent of supplies has stated that it is his purpose to confer with the best experts obtainable with reference to the perfecting of a purchasing system, and to this I have assented," the mayor informed the Finance Commission.

## Council Passes High School Order

With only four dissenting votes—those of Councillors Kelly, Dowd, Fish and Wilson—the \$920,000 order for the construction of a high school on a site on Wilder street, Grove Hall, was passed in the City Council yesterday and reached the mayor's desk this morning to be promptly signed.

Mayor Curley, in an order introduced by Councillor Wilson, is requested to confer with the Metropolitan District Commission about the advisability of permitting the public to carry away the wood and underbrush being cut in the Blue Hills and other parts of the park system. The councillor declared that much of the cutting is being burned to clear it up and that the poor could get much badly needed fuel that otherwise would be destroyed.

Councillor Kelly offered an order that a complete report of the minutes of the City Council be printed in Boston newspapers in the form of paid advertising. The Dorchester councillor believes that the people of Boston would like to read every word uttered also in that august body. He offered an order, that passed, calling for an addition to the present sanatorium buildings, River street, Mattapan.

## Curley Defends the City's Bank Deposits

Mayor Curley issued a statement today, in justification of the city's deposits in the Federal National Bank. He said:

"The city has \$16,000,000 in various Boston banks and the allotment to the Federal National Bank was in conformity with the law, allowing municipal funds to be placed in banks. We had every reason to believe the bank solvent, as did the State, which had a deposit there. Mr. Mulloney, the president of the Federal National, is regarded as an exceptionally capable and high class banking man, and there is some encouragement in his statement that if given sufficient time he will be able to pay 100 cents on the dollar."

# Exchange Head Again Defends Appeals Board

He Says Saving It Is Vital to  
Realty Interests, in  
Editorial

Further discussion of the tax assessment question and the necessity for continuance of the Board of Tax Appeals—the subject of a controversy between Mayor Curley and Boston Real Estate Exchange—is made by President Walter Channing of that organization. In an editorial in the December issue of "The Bulletin," the official organ of the exchange, he writes under the caption "The President's Desk":

"Nothing is of greater importance to real estate interests than the preservation of the Board of Tax Appeals.

"Many persons do not realize the effect which over-assessment for the purpose of taxation has upon the value of realty. Every dollar added to the tax burden decreases the value of the property and this is equally true whether the increased tax is the result of a larger assessment, a larger tax rate, or both. For instance, let us assume that a property earns \$6000 net after paying a tax of \$3150 that is the tax on a \$100,000 assessment at the 1931 tax rate. Should this property be assessed at \$150,000 the net income would be reduced to \$4425, or 6 per cent on a value of \$73,750, and if the assessment were \$200,000, the net income would be but \$2850, or 6 per cent on a value of \$47,500. To state that there are properties in Boston assessed at twice what they would sell for in a fair market is no exaggeration. Is it any wonder that the owners of such over-burdened properties welcomed the creation of a tribunal to which they might appeal for relief, or that we all view with concern the effort which is being made already to abolish the Board of Tax Appeals?

"The Board of Tax Appeals was created by act of the Legislature in 1930 and began to function on Dec. 1 of that year. So far it has considered appeals from 1928, 1929 and 1930 assessments only, the appellants owning properties scattered over the State. As no one is likely to make an appeal to the board unless he is confident that he can convince it that he is considerably over-assessed, it is but natural that in most cases the board makes a reduction, but such an outcome is by no means certain; in several cases the board's verdict has been in favor of the municipality. At the time of writing the board has rendered several decisions which concern properties in Boston.

"The decision which has caused the most unfavorable official comment reduced a Boston assessment from \$125,000 to \$45,000, but even in this instance the board was not too extreme, as is shown by the fact that after long and intelligent selling effort on the part of one of our efficient brokerage organizations, the property has been sold—but for only \$26,000. While the instance quoted above is not to be taken as typical, because it is an extreme case, it definitely illustrates

how seriously the value of real estate may be reduced by over-assessment for the purpose of taxation.

"Applicants to the Board of Tax Appeals for relief are not racketeers; they are persons engaged in many different occupations seeking relief from injustice in a legal and dignified manner. They are, in many cases, persons who are bound to seek a remedy for excessive assessments because of some fiduciary duty owed to others, as, for instance, trustees who must perform their court-imposed obligation to protect beneficiaries of trusts, often women and children. Over-taxed manufacturers or merchants must either pass on their burden of excessive taxation to the general public or permit themselves to be taxed out of business. In either event the public bears the burden: in one case in the form of higher prices; in the other case through the economic loss invariably caused by unemployment and the closing of factories and business enterprises."

## Curley Assails Banking Policies

Speaking before the New England Road Builders' Association and their guests, at the Copley-Plaza Hotel last evening, Mayor Curley scored the banking interests for their policy of keeping their funds liquid in anticipation of repudiation of European war debts and declared that it is high time the bankers spend their money in America and thus break the depression.

"It is not far-fetched, but is absolute truthfulness when I say that during my recent visit to Washington I have never gone into any place that more resembled an old-fashioned wake than the National Capitol. I have never travelled such roads of pessimism, where everyone is afraid of their own shadow," he said.

"I am beginning to be a little pessimistic myself. I have been optimistic for two years, hoping and praying the sunlight of prosperity might spread over this fair land of ours, but daily reports from the public welfare department indicate a constant increase in the number of unemployed.

"The individual business man whether small or large is told by the banker that he must keep liquid in anticipation of the repudiation of foreign war debts. They are thus waiting to help Europe, and in doing so are stifling American industry and forcing onto the streets an even greater army of unemployed.

"What is rigid economy? It means stopping the expenditure of money, and when you stop spending for constructive work you are obliged to pour it out in the form of dole. I would rather spend \$100,000,000 in a year to keep the people working than to spend \$100 in dole. Spending is the only cure for unemployment—spending, not saving."

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## Leo Curley in Roxbury Court

Police Ask Manslaughter Complaint Against Son of  
Mayor

With Mayor Curley present, a hearing was held in Roxbury District Court today on an application for a complaint charging Leo Curley, sixteen-year-old son of the Mayor, with manslaughter and operating an automobile so as to endanger the lives and safety of the public.

The application was made by Patrolman John J. Maguire of Back Bay police, and the case has to do with an accident Dec. 5 at the intersection of Huntington avenue and Forsyth street at about 2 A. M., when a car driven by young Curley struck Mrs. Sarah Bean, Springfield home economics expert. Mrs. Bean died from her injuries Dec. 10.

The hearing was continued to Friday, after a number of witnesses had been heard, in order that Judge Frankland W. L. Miles may visit the scene of the accident and test the visibility at 2 A. M.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, representing young Curley, produced many photographs and maps of the vicinity of the accident as evidences and said the accident was unavoidable. The woman was not seen until she stepped in front of the car, he said.

Judge Miles expressed his opinion that if the visibility was good, the woman should have been seen. If it was poor, he said, the accident was unavoidable.

It was brought out that with young Curley at the time were his older brother Paul, and two friends, Gregory Sullivan and Walter Quinn, and that the party was returning home after attending a movie. They testified that the car was going about twenty-five miles an hour, when Mrs. Bean stepped from the trolley reservation into their path.

Frank Pupa, 99 West street, West Newton, told the court that he had been driving just ahead of the Curley car, had heard the brakes screech, and had looked around just in time to see Mrs. Bean about five feet ahead of the Curley car. He had not seen her before, he said.

John McCarthy, 1062 Canterbury street, Roslindale, testified that a few nights later he was driving his taxi at the same spot at about the same time and was unable to see Patrolman Maguire, who was wearing a light colored overcoat, as he stepped from the reservation. An arc light at the corner, he said, does not maintain adequate visibility.

Mayor Curley, who said that he was speaking generally and not in behalf of his son, said: "There are three such streets with reservations which are a menace to the safety of Boston, Commonwealth avenue, Bennington street, in East Boston, and Huntington avenue." He expressed the belief that they should be eliminated.



AMERICAN

12/16/31

## Million Wasted Yearly City Purchases Exposed by Fin. Com.

Waste, incompetency and expensive favoritism in the purchase of ordinary supplies by the city of Boston are exposed by the Boston Finance Commission.

*"Over \$150,000 was squandered annually by the stupid if not venal system of paying more than the market prices for meats and vegetables for the City Hospital and other city institutions.*

*"Automobiles for city uses were bought without competition for lower prices.*

*"Tires and tubes were obtained at ten per cent in excess of the going retail prices.*

*"Inferior gasoline was allowed to be poured into the city tanks.*

*"And inferior foods, including frozen fowl and meats, were procured for ill and convalescent patients who are the wards of the city when sympathetic concern would have insisted upon fresh, pure foods as essential to their return to good health."*

The city of Boston spends about \$5,000,000 for this sort of supplies investigated by the Finance Commission.

If the food purchases are to be taken as the criterion, twenty-five per cent of that amount, or \$1,250,000, has been wasted every year.

The sums so wasted would have supplied a substantial amount of constructive work for the unemployed or they could have been applied to reduction of high taxes instead of excessive profits for the middlemen involved.

The city of Boston is one of the oldest civic corporations in the United States. As a result of its long experience, it can rightfully be expected to have a competent, efficient system of transacting its business without the slipshod methods of a novice and without the profligate extravagances that disgraced the ancient monarchies of France.

## RARE KEEPSAKE GIVEN WILSON

Gov. Stanley C. Wilson of Vermont called on Mayor Curley in City Hall today and was presented with a brown Irish blackthorn stick, which the mayor said is as rare as the proverbial white blackbird.

The stick was one of three recently sent the mayor by an admirer. It was carried for many years by the late John Cummings, who for many years was leader of the Democratic party in Chicago.

Gov. Wilson is in Boston to attend a conference of New England business and dairymen to discuss importation of milk from outside districts and the resultant drop in the cost of that commodity.

## CITY GOLF LINKS PAID \$33,082

### Very Profitable Season at Franklin Park

Golfers on the municipal course at Franklin Park poured \$33,082 into the city treasury during the recent playing season which closed a few days ago, Chairman William P. Long of the Park Commission reported yesterday to Mayor Curley.

During the public golf season from April 16 to Dec. 8, there was an attendance of 68,295 at Franklin Park, playing 80,000 rounds of golf. A total of 2102 regular golfers purchased annual permits costing \$10 each, netting \$21,020 for the city. Then 9732 daily permits at \$1 each brought in \$9732 more. For Saturday, Sunday and holiday play, 168 permits were sold at \$3 each, and \$3 was also paid for each of the 595 lockers assigned to the municipal golfers. Incidentals amounting to \$41 brought the total receipts of the golf course up to \$33,082.

## PLANS FINISHED FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

City Hall Yuletide Decorations  
Completed; Carol Singing,  
Concert on Common

The city of Boston, officially, was nearly ready today for the start of the Christmas celebration.

At City Hall, the last decorations were put in place by noon, and the huge Christmas tree on Boston Common is almost completed, under direction of Park Commissioner William P. Long.

In each window of City Hall there will be lighted each night a candelabra of five small electric candles, and in each window also is a large Christmas wreath.

The front of City Hall is decorated with a small Christmas tree illuminated at night, and with green wreaths.

### 7000 TO GET \$5 EACH

For the "official family" celebration, city employees are planning Christmas parties in each department on the day before Christmas, as has been the custom for several years, and Christmas presents will be exchanged.

The Welfare Department will continue the custom established by Mayor Curley, and will give this year an extra \$5, in gold or a bill, to each of the 7000 families on the city aid list.

This extra money will be to purchase Christmas dinners. At Thanksgiving time Mayor Curley ordered that each of these families be given a \$5 bill as extra money for a Thanksgiving dinner.

On Christmas eve, from 5 p. m. until midnight, the city observance of the Natal Day will be observed, opening with a band concert and continuing through the evening with the singing of Christmas carols.

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# ASSAILS BANKING POLICIES

Curley Warns Them  
to Spend Money  
in America

## SEES SYMBOL IN CURLEY ARRIVAL

When Lieutenant-Governor Youngman walked out of the Road Builders' banquet last night at the Copley-Plaza Hotel as Mayor Curley walked in, Traffic Commissioner Conry remarked to several hundred present:

"It is symbolic of what is going to happen. Youngman walked out as Curley walked in."

Striking out last night at the wave of pessimism he declared is rampant in parts of the country, Mayor Curley scored the banking interests for their policy of keeping liquid in anticipation of repudiation of European war debts, and charged that it is high time the bankers spend their money in America and break the stranglehold of depression.

## MAY LOSE AMERICA

He urged "the plain citizens of America" to assert themselves and demand of their bankers that they stop trying to save the whole world, and pour American dollars into American industries. He sounded the warning that if we do not adopt such a policy we may lose America.

He was speaking before more than 700 members and guests of the New England Road Builders' Association, in annual conference at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, and prefaced his remarks with a sketch of his recent visit to Washington.

"It is not far-fetched, but is absolute truthfulness when I say that during my recent visit to Washington I have never gone into any place that more resembled an old-fashioned wake than the national Capitol. I have never travelled such roads of pessimism, where everyone is afraid of their own shadow."

## Optimistic Two Years.

"I am beginning to be a little pessimistic myself. I have been optimistic for two years, hoping and praying the sunlight of prosperity might spread over this fair land of ours, but daily reports from the public welfare department indicate a constant increase in the number of unemployed."

"The individual business man, whether small or large, is told by the banker that he must keep liquid, in anticipation of the repudiation of foreign war debts. They are thus waiting to help Europe, and in doing so are stifling American industry and forcing onto the streets an even greater army of unemployed."

## "Spending the Cure"

"What is rigid economy? It means stopping the expenditure of money, and when you stop spending for constructive work you are obliged to pour it out in the form of dole. I would rather spend \$100,000,000 in a year to keep the people working than to spend \$100 in dole. Spending is the only cure for unemployment—spending, not saving."

In his attack on the banking interests for their alleged refusal to help the American business man, but maintenance of liquid assets to help European nations, the Mayor charged that the anticipated loss of European war debts might as well be placed now in the same category as the stock margin losses in 1929. He stated they are gone, and will never return.

## "Have All but Faith"

"We assemble here on the eve of the third year of an industrial depression such as this country has never before witnessed," he said. "We haven't lost an acre of land, there is no scourge or plague. We have more of the agencies for the production of everything than in history. We have more wheat, more oil, more coal. We have everything in America, but faith."

"It is about time we had faith. We have been wandering in the valley of sorrows and lost hopes."

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## Receiver from Washington

Mayor Curley's statement on the situation was as follows: "The city has \$16,000,000 in various Boston banks and the allotment to the Federal National Bank was in conformity with the law, allowing municipal funds to be placed in banks. We had every reason to believe the bank solvent, as did the State, which had a deposit there. Mr. Muloney, the president of the Federal National, is regarded as an exceptionally capable and high class banking man, and there is some encouragement in his statement that if given sufficient time he will be able to pay 100 cents on the dollar."

John W. Pole, comptroller of the currency, in announcing at Washington that he was sending Pearson as receiver, said that the receiver was one of the most experienced men in the service. "We will use our best efforts to make the liquidation as easy as possible, having in mind the interests of both depositors and creditors," he said. I have great confidence in Mr. Pearson's ability to handle the present situation. The comptroller declared that the experience of his office shows a high percentage of collections in receiverships after banks have been closed.

A shipment of money was sent to the Federal Reserve Bank from Washington, intended to meet any emergency that might arise from the closing of the local bank. Of the total shipment \$1,500,000 was allotted to Worcester and sent to that city early in the morning.

# HERALD 12/16/38 AMERICAN BANKERS SCORED BY CURLEY

Should Spend Money at Home,  
He Tells Road Builders

Mayor Curley told members of the New England Road Builders' Association last night that he stood for the preservation of America regardless of what happens to any other country in the world and suggested that bankers spend American money in America, aiding industry, rather than in trying to save the world.

"We have everything but faith in America," he declared.

The occasion was the annual dinner of the association at the Copley Plaza Hotel. President Joseph A. Tomasello presided.

The mayor congratulated the road builders for the progress they have made, adding that road building makes for convenience, safety, beauty and health.

"I would rather spend \$100,000,000 in keeping people at work than to spend \$100 in dole," he declared. "I wish we had a leader in the United States similar to the type they have in Italy. Spending money is the only cure for unemployment."

President Tomasello spoke of expenditures in road construction for unemployment relief.

"For the most part," he said, "this money has been wisely spent. At present bargain prices bid by contractors, it has given the public more than a dollar value for every dollar expended under the contract method. Direct labor expenditures in New England run between 30 and 35 per cent. of total expenditure."

Lt.-Gov. William S. Youngman, accompanied at the dinner by Mrs. Youngman, brought the greetings of the commonwealth. He spoke briefly of the recent episode concerning himself and road builders, and said he acted only in the interest of fair play. He left before the mayor arrived.

# HERALD 12/17/38 MAYOR'S AIDE ON DANGER LIST

John J. Shaughnessy Taken to  
City Hospital—Has Bronchial  
Pneumonia

John J. Shaughnessy, member of Mayor Curley's secretarial staff, was taken to the City Hospital late last night in a serious condition from bronchial pneumonia. His name early this morning was on the hospital danger list.

Six weeks ago he was discharged from the hospital after being treated for several weeks for bronchial trouble. He was believed to be well on the road to recovery.

The Shaughnessy home is at 145 Wood street, Roxbury.



# ASKS PUBLIC TO GIVE \$3,000,000

## Mayor Says City Relief Funds at Low Ebb Boston Has Already Used \$87,000 in Gifts

The time has come when city funds can no longer stand the abnormal strain placed upon them for unemployment relief. Mayor Curley told his unemployment committee in the Boston Chamber of Commerce yesterday and he announced that the committee must now raise by public subscription a fund of \$3,000,000.

Already during the present emergency the city has expended more than \$87,000 in private gifts. Gen Wood of Sears Roebuck & Co was revealed as the largest single donor in money and merchandise.

The Mayor further announced that economies next year would deprive city employees of city-paid telephone service. They will pay for their own calls in the future and the city-owned automobiles for officials will be abandoned for a drive-yourself service. The Mayor declares that these economies would result in saving some money, although the amount saved would scarcely be enough to pay the unemployment relief bills for a week. He told the committee that during the year only 24 additional men had been hired for the Police Department and none for the Fire Department.

### No Overhead, or Expense

William H. Taylor, chairman of the Boston Emergency Unemployment Committee, called yesterday afternoon's meeting and announced the drive for \$3,000,000. All industries and businesses in the city will be solicited. The Chamber of Commerce will supply the executives and workers to raise the fund. All donations will go to a central committee. There will be no overhead and no expense and the entire fund raised will be spent in unemployment relief.

This is the first time during the depression that the city has come to such a necessity. Mayor Curley expressed his regret that it had now become urgently necessary to take such action, but he presented to the committee the facts and figures as prepared from the payments already made, told how much money remained available and declared that there was now no other way to help the unemployed.

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the numerous persons and organizations who had already come to the aid of the unemployed by giving money from their salary envelopes. He urged them to continue to make such donations because they now provide the funds with which the city is working.

### Large Contributions

Sears Roebuck & Co gave \$10,000 during the year. The company's employees donated \$10,000 more and Gen Wood of that firm gave \$30,000, the Mayor announced. In addition the concern had given more than 2000 children clothing worth \$7521.

The Mayor received \$22,922 from other sources. The Boston American and National League baseball teams contributed jointly \$22,291; City of Boston employees gave \$18,800; Public Works Department \$8711; Police Department \$4100; Fire Department \$8000.

Aimee Semple McPherson's revival gave \$921, and of this \$32.08 was Aimee's personal gift. There were numerous private donors whose gifts totaled \$84,951. All of this money has been expended, according to the Mayor.

The Boston Garden contributed \$5671 and the boys and girls of Jamaica Plain High School, by passing around the hat raised \$200.

### To Give 1 Percent of Pay

An official of the Boston Ice Company announced that his organization had already raised \$2000 and that the employees had agreed to give one percent of their pay for the next six months to the fund.

V. C. Bruce Wetmore, agreed to take charge of raising funds in the electrical trade.

The Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce announced the following contributions, now available for city relief:

Jordan Marsh Co. \$10,000; William Filene's Sons Co. \$10,000; R. H. White Co. \$3500; Gilchrist Co. \$2500; Individuals of R. H. Stearns Co. \$2500; C. F. Hovey Co. \$2000; The Shepard Stores \$2000; Chandler & Co. \$1250; Conrad & Co. \$1000; S. S. Pierce Co. \$1000; E. T. Slattery, \$1000; L. P. Hollander Co. Inc. \$250; Shreve, Crump & Low Co. \$250; Marcell N. Smith of Smith Patterson Co. \$200. The total of these gifts is \$37,450.

## GARBAGE DISPOSAL METHODS ASSAILED

### New Contract Discussed at City Hall Meeting

Men and women favoring incineration, or opposed to the present garbage disposal methods, attended the public hearing before the City Council yesterday on the matter of the contract for disposal of ashes and garbage from certain sections of Boston cared for the past 10 years by the Coleman Disposal Company.

Recently the contract was awarded to the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, the lowest bidder, at \$3,780,000 for the coming 10 years.

The hearing adjourned to next Friday afternoon at the Council Chamber, to which have been invited all civic organizations opposed to the contract and City Clerk Doyle was re-

quested to extend an invitation to the Brooklyn Company to appear.

Arthur C. McCarthy, representing Milton C. Burton of 470 Atlantic av, read a communication from Mr Burton stating that he was prepared "to furnish land, buildings and equipment satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Works, 11 district incinerating plants to destroy all garbage, rubbish and combustible materials, to be operated by present city employees. I would lease this entire property to the city at a rental that would represent in dollars to the taxpayers at least \$2,500,000 in the next 10 years, without considering increased values in real estate, health and civic pride."

### Dowd Wants Report

Councillor Dowd asked for Finance Commission reports of investigations and a copy was forwarded. Guy C. Emerson, engineer for the Finance Commission, pointed out that the new contract provides for the collection of 30,000 tons less a year than did the old contract.

The new contract, he said, included Charlestown with 20,000 tons, but let out Roxbury and Jamaica Plain of 50,000 tons, which will go on a yearly basis. Mr Emerson thought the latter plan was a mistake.

Mr Emerson expressed the opinion that the contract price of the Brooklyn Company was not excessive, but that the city did not know what the profits, if any, were on the Coleman contract, because no examination of the company's books was made, though a right to examine was contained in the old contract. Mr Emerson, in view of conditions, favored a sliding scale contract.

Questioned about the offer of Mr Burton to save the city \$2,500,000 Mr Emerson said "it was absurd." He said that the incinerators alone would cost \$4,000,000 exclusive of the land and that incineration would be more costly because 70 percent of what entered the receivers would later have to be dumped.

It was an open question, said Mr Emerson, whether the contract should be for 10 years or merely extended until such time when conditions would be nearer normal and necessary studies could be made.

### Five-Year Plan Hit

He said there was considerable agitation for a five-year instead of a 10-year contract, but he could see no good reason for such a plan as it would cost \$740,000 more than on a 10-year basis.

Mrs R. L. De Normandie, president of the Boston League of Women Voters, appeared in favor of incineration. She said that she represented the municipal affairs committee of the organization. Mrs Henry D. Tudor of 22 Lawrence road, Cambridge, also went on record for incineration, appearing for the Women's Municipal League. She said incineration was the method in 154 municipalities throughout the country.

Deputy Public Works Commissioner Christopher Carven said that the Brooklyn company proposes to dump in the Belle Isle inlet, East Boston. He expressed the opinion that if the money and the sites were available that it would take a year to build incinerators; that incineration was clean but not economical.

Ex-Representative Thomas A. Noland, Mrs A. Massa of Lyden at William P. Coughlan of 247 Tremont st and George F. Murphy of 179 Lexington st, appeared as East Boston residents and protested against the more dumps in their section.



# CURLEY STARTS \$3,000,000 FUND

Opens Welfare Drive in  
Hope of Avoiding Tax  
Increase in Boston

## LEADING BUSINESS FIRMS CONTRIBUTE

Mayor Curley launched a campaign yesterday for an unemployment relief fund of \$3,000,000, to which first contributions of \$39,450 were simultaneously announced, at a luncheon of the fund committee at the chamber of commerce.

The character of the drive which will be intensively prosecuted in order to relieve the taxpayers of providing an equal amount for distribution by the public welfare department, will not be determined for several days.

In advance of the actual opening of the campaign, which is identical with campaigns in New York, Philadelphia and other cities, the mayor declared his determination to inaugurate the most rigid economy in municipal expenditures next year and to avoid, at all costs, any advance of the tax rate.

In justification of his approval of a public appeal for funds for the relief of victims of unemployment, after more than a year of opposition to such a method, the mayor cited an estimated expenditure of \$1,125,000 in January and a similar sum in February for maintenance of the welfare department.

He set forth that in the first 10 days of the current month, 1629 new applications or reapplications had been made to the welfare department and that he was gravely concerned about the probability of the addition of 5000 new names to the department relief lists before the end of the month.

In contrast with an expenditure in November, 1930, of \$314,000 for the welfare department, he stressed the cost of \$600,000 last month and predicted that the December outlay would exceed \$700,000.

He believes that the peak of the demands will be made in January and February. Another comparison was the distribution of \$95,000 in November, 1930, to 2200 single men and women, with \$238,000 last month to 6000 persons.

With no such source of municipal revenue in prospect as the receipt of nearly \$1,000,000 from the Boston Elevated last year, the mayor declared that "I propose to cut corners wherever I can. I cannot imagine anything more vicious than to be required to raise taxes during a period of depression."

### PLANS CONSOLIDATIONS

He announced his intention to effect consolidations wherever possible, to deny salary increases to all city employees except those entitled to sliding scale raises, to hold to present levels

the personnel of departments, to compel city officials to assume the cost of residential telephone service and to give serious consideration to a substantial reduction in the number of municipally owned automobiles by the establishment of a taxicab plan proposed by the finance commission.

Such economies, he said, would not effect a saving of more than \$400,000 and this sum would not have any great bearing upon the problem of providing money for the welfare department.

The mayor announced that to prevent duplication in the distribution of Christmas dinners, the welfare department will ask all private organizations to make known the recipients of such gifts.

### OPENING CONTRIBUTIONS

The first contributions to the welfare fund, announced by the mayor were:

Jordan Marsh Co.	\$10,000
William Filene's Sons Co.	10,000
R. H. White Co.	3500
Gilchrist Co.	2500
Individuals of R. H. Stearns Co.	2500
C. F. Hovey Co.	2000
The Shepard Stores.	2000
Boston Ice Co.	1250
Chandler & Co.	1000
Conrad & Co.	1000
S. S. Pierce Co.	1000
E. T. Slattery Co.	250
L. P. Hollander Co., Inc.	250
Shreve, Crump & Low Co.	200
Marcel N. Smith (Smith Patterson Co.)	200

An additional contribution of 1 per cent. of their salaries for 20 weeks by the employees of the Boston Ice Company was also announced.

President Frederic S. Snyder of the chamber of commerce heartily indorsed the fund, characterized it as an absolute necessity, and stressed the highly satisfactory working of a similar fund in Winchester as an example of possible benefits. Similar indorsements were given by V. C. Bruce Wetmore and William H. Foster, chairman of the unemployment relief committee. Dr. Harry Levi of Temple Israel was presented to the gathering.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

Members of the general emergency committee, in addition to several special committees announced previously, follow:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| T. Grafton Abbott           | Ernest A. Johnson    |
| Col. Joseph Atkinson        | George B. Johnson    |
| A. Barry Bacon              | Howard B. Josselyn   |
| Charles G. Bancroft         | Joseph M. Kirby      |
| Howard M. Biscoe            | Frank M. Lawrence    |
| Daniel Bloomfield           | Melville D. Liming   |
| George W. Boland            | James Marjunnis      |
| G. Ralph Branton            | Ernest P. Manahan    |
| Frank Brewster              | Ernest P. Mason      |
| Edwin P. Brown              | Harold W. Maynard    |
| F. Lauriston Bullard        | Clarence C. McDavitt |
| W. Irving Bullard           | Harry McDonald       |
| Patrick T. Campbell         | J. Gordon McNeil     |
| Clifford M. Camm            | Victor Morris        |
| Robert B. Choate            | Eryne P. Morse       |
| Richard K. Conant           | Julius C. Morse      |
| Sidney S. Conrad            | Herbert Parker       |
| Carl Cook                   | J. J. Pelley         |
| C. Sydney Cook              | William Phillips     |
| John Cronin                 | Walworth Pierce      |
| Julius Daniels              | E. W. Preston        |
| Frank S. Davis              | B. F. Raphael        |
| Carl Dreyfus                | Arthur P. Russell    |
| Col. and Mrs. Walter Duncan | William H. Sayward   |
| Edward J. Dunn              | Buddy Shepard        |
| Adolph Edlich               | John Shepard, Jr.    |
| T. J. Falvey                | Nathan Sidd          |
| Charles Farnsworth          | Samuel Silverman     |
| William S. Febiger          | Daniel G. Slattery   |
| Gerrit Fert                 | Marcel Smith         |
| Stephen C. Garrity          | Frank W. Stearns     |
| John H. Gilman              | Alexander Sullivan   |
| Joseph T. Gilman            | William O. Taylor    |
| Percy Griswold              | Joe Toye             |
| Col. Percy A. Guthrie       | A. Veride            |
| C. Crawford Hollidge        | Felix Vorenberg      |
| J. B. Hollis                | S. W. Wakeman        |
| Charles H. Hood             | V. C. Wetmore        |
| A. M. Howe                  | F. Weed              |
| Joseph J. Hurley            | Mrs. Harold Wheeler  |
| P. Harry Jennings           | Edwin C. Whittemore  |
|                             | Joseph Wiggin        |

# JUDGE AT SCENE OF CURLEY MISHAP

Views Place Where Mayor's  
Son's Car Hit Woman

Judge Frankland L. I. Miles of the Roxbury court viewed at 1:45 o'clock this morning the spot at Huntington avenue and Forsythe street, Back Bay, where Mrs. Sarah Bean of Springfield was fatally injured Dec. 5 by a motor car operated by Leo Curley, 16, son of the mayor. The visit to the scene was made by the judge pending his decision on the issuance of complaints charging young Curley with manslaughter and operating so as to endanger lives.

At the scene besides the judge were the two persons present at the time of the accident, Patrolman William Landahl of station 16 and John McCarthy, a citizen. Both described what they saw. Judge Frankland first rode up and down Huntington avenue to see the lighting conditions at the intersection from a motor car at the time of the accident.

Judge Frankland had no comment to make other than to say that he will tell what he observed when the case against the youth comes up again tomorrow.

In court yesterday the mayor appeared and said there have been at least six accidents at the spot during the last year. He said there is barely room for passengers to stand on the electric car reservation and that it is very easy for a person to be pushed off into the path of the machine. Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman represented Curley.

### "THOMAS J. HURLEY"

To the Editor of The Herald:  
I was very much pleased with the editorial on Thomas J. Hurley in The Herald of this morning. Mr. Hurley was appointed to the position of street commissioner by me and I had a full appreciation of his character and integrity. The tribute in The Boston Herald will perhaps help to assure the great number of faithful and efficient public employees that their services are not entirely unappreciated.

JAMES M. CURLEY,  
Mayor.  
Boston, Dec. 14.

### REDUCED STATE SALARIES



# PROTESTS AWARD OF CONTRACT

## Engineer Claims No Study of Prices Made

Protest that city officials failed to make a study of garbage and refuse disposal prices before recommending the award of a \$3,780,000 contract for the next 10 years with the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, was recorded by Consulting Engineer Guy C. Emerson of the Finance Commission in a report revealed yesterday at the City Council's public hearing on the contract.

### TO HOLD HEARING

The Council, after a three-hour session, voted to hold a second public hearing Friday afternoon at City Hall, starting at 2 o'clock, before it will take definite action on the contract, which requires the approval of the Council before it can become effective.

The Finance Commission's engineering expert pointed out that while the lowest bidder has offered to perform the work for \$15,000 less than was charged during the past 10 years, it is estimated that there will be 30,000 tons a year less to dispose of, because of the elimination of parts of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain from the collection area.

The proposal to turn these districts over to individual contractors on a yearly basis, instead of leaving them in the 10-year contract, was characterized by Engineer Emerson as a "mistake," which would cause dissatisfaction among the residents of the districts.

### For Sliding Scale

In the Finance Commission report, the engineer expressed his opinion that the price offered by the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company as "not excessive." But he contended that Boston should follow the example of a number of other cities by making the contract on a sliding scale so that the city could share the profits of the disposal company when prices of soap grease and fertilizer jumped.

Although the city had the right under the 1922 contract for 10 years to inspect the books of the Coleman Disposal Company to determine the costs to the contractor, the public works commissioner agreed to obtain the figures but did not do it.

As a result, the uncertainties of the situation made the new bids a "gamble," according to Engineer Emerson, who pointed out that it would be impossible to tell what wages would cost during the next 10 years and what prices the grease and fertilizers would bring.

### Against Five-Year Contract

"It is an open question," the Finance Commission report stated, "whether the lowest bid for the next 10 years should be accepted, or the present contract should be extended until such time as business conditions will return more nearly to normal and necessary studies are made. I understand that there is considerable agitation towards a five-year contract, but I see no good reason for this in view of the fact that it would cost the city \$740,000 more for two five-year contracts instead of the 10."

Engineer Emerson branded as "absurd," the offer of Milton C. Burton of 470 Atlantic avenue to save the city \$2,500,000 by installing 11 incinerators instead of awarding the contract for the present system in which garbage is loaded on scows at Atlantic avenue and towed to the Spectacle Island reduction plant.

Incineration was also recommended by Mrs. Robert L. DeNormandie, president of the Boston League of Women Voters, and Mrs. Henry D. Tudor of the Women's Municipal League, who addressed the hearing.

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# PROTESTS AWARD OF CONTRACT

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### TO HOLD HEARING

The Council, after a three-hour session, voted to hold a second public hearing Friday afternoon at City Hall, starting at 2 o'clock, before it will take definite action on the contract, which requires the approval of the Council before it can become effective.

The Finance Commission's engineering expert pointed out that while the lowest bidder has offered to perform the work for \$15,000 less than was charged during the past 10 years, it is estimated that there will be 30,000 tons a year less to dispose of, because of the elimination of parts of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain from the collection area.

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### For Sliding Scale

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### Against Five-Year Contract

"It is an open question," the Finance Commission report stated, "whether the lowest bid for the next 10 years should be accepted, or the present contract should be extended until such time as business conditions will return more nearly to normal and necessary studies are made. I understand that there is considerable agitation towards a five-year contract, but I see no good reason for this in view of the fact that it would cost the city \$740,000 more for two five-year contracts instead of the 10."

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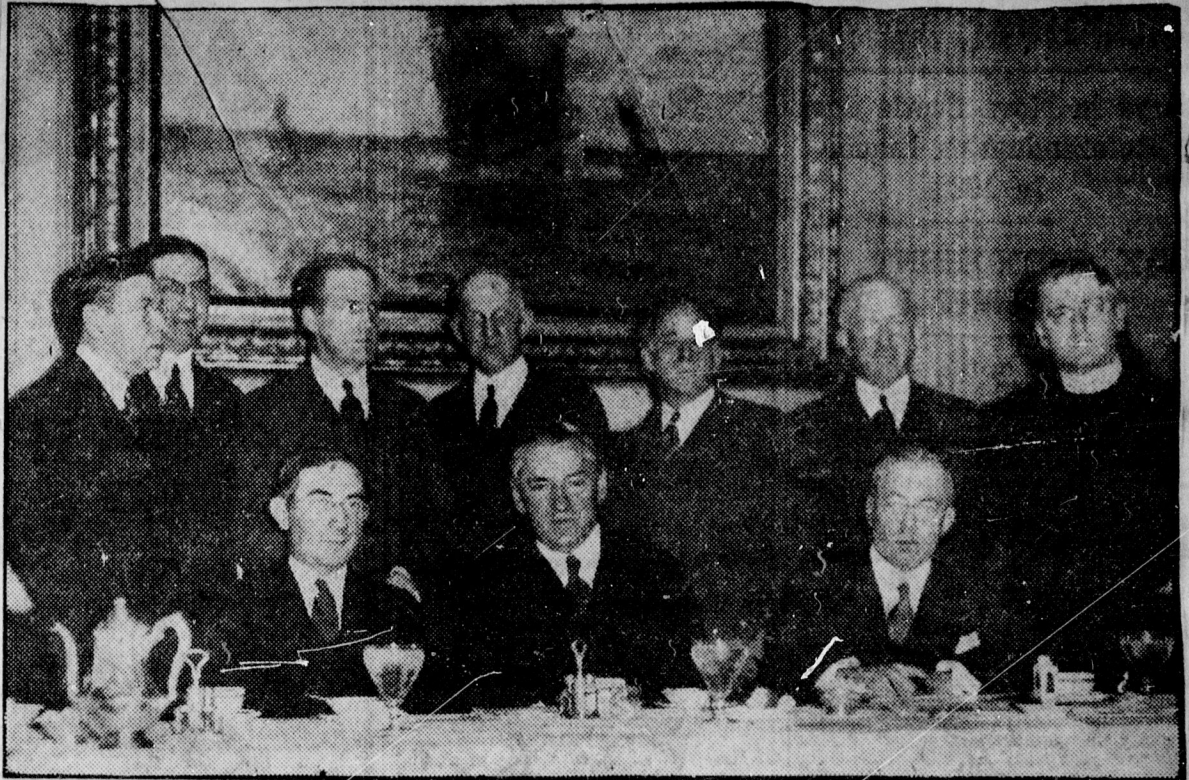
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## PROTEST DUMP IN EAST BOSTON

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Of Garbage Disposal  
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### CARVEN QUIZZED BY COUNCILMEN

Failure yesterday of officials of the public works department to enlighten the city council about the details of the \$3,780,000 garbage disposal contract with the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company of Massachusetts, which the council has been asked by Mayor Curley to approve, forced an unexpected

adjournment of the public hearing until tomorrow at 2 P. M.

By order of the council, Division Engineer Adolph Post of the sanitary division of the department, Engineer Bayles Reilly of the ferry division and Engineer John M. Shea of the sewer commission, composing the board which advised award of the contract to the Brooklyn company, must be prepared to submit to a searching examination of the disposal issue.

Acting Public Works Commissioner Christopher J. Carven, who assumed his duties two days prior to the submission of bids for the contract, Nov. 18, undertook, despite a confessed unfamiliarity with the problem, to meet the questions of councilmen. His inability to provide the desired information led to the decision to summons the three engineers to the Friday meeting.

#### EAST BOSTON PROTEST

The hearing, primarily to permit objections to the approval of the contract to discuss the disposal problem, was practically monopolized by residents of East Boston who voiced a vigorous demand for an abandonment of the practice of dumping all refuse collected north of Northampton street in East Boston dumps. They were Thomas A.

Niland, William P. Coughnan, George F. Murphy and Mrs. Annie Massa. They charged that appeals to the health department for relief from the menace to public health due to the dumps have been futile.

Mrs. R. L. DeNormandie, president of the Boston League of Women Voters and Mrs. Henry D. Tudor of Cambridge, representing the Women's Municipal League, asked the council to refuse to approve a contract for a period of 10 years and suggested a shorter period to permit of early establishment of incinerators.

#### PLAN PROPOSED

Arthur C. McCarthy, representing Milton C. Burton, proposed a plan embracing the erection of 11 incinerating plants at an actual saving of \$2,500,000 to the city in 10 years. Comment to the finance commission by its consulting engineer, Guy Emerson, made available to the council for the first time yesterday, stressed the vagueness of Burton's proposal which was the subject of recent discussion by the commission.

The area to be served under the contract includes Charlestown, city proper, South Boston, Dorchester and parts of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain.

Post 12/17/31

# SEEK GOVERNORS' AID IN MILK WAR

## Milk Producers to Ask They Serve on Tribunal—Favor Price of Seven Cents Wholesale

Following a fiery meeting of milk producers and others yesterday afternoon, at the Hotel Statler, in which many protests were registered against the wholesale price of five cents per quart to producers as ruinous to the industry, a resolution was passed favoring a wholesale price of seven cents per quart, f. o. b., by Dec. 21, and not later than Jan. 1. The present retail price is 8 cents in chain stores and 10 cents a quart delivered at the homes.

### SEEK GOVERNOR'S AID

The resolution, as well as two others presented by Glenn C. Seavey of Springfield, were passed. The others relate to the appointment of a committee of five to confer with milk producers and distributors and also the appointment by five New England Governors, the Chief Executive of Connecticut excepted, as a "milk board" or "milk tribunal," to consider all matters in dispute in the milk situation in New England. A resolution was also adopted, proposed by John Haigis of Greenfield, that Governor Ely be requested to take up the milk situation in his annual message.

The meeting, called by Dr. Arthur W. Gilbert, commissioner of agriculture, turned into a general protest against the low wholesale price of milk. Dr. Gilbert presided, giving some figures regarding the present rate of affairs. He declared that the price of milk should be higher.

### Problem of New England

Governor Stanley Wilson of Vermont made a strong plea for the New England dairy interests. He said he recognizes the fact that if Massachusetts could produce all the milk it needed it would have first right to the Massachusetts market, but that it does not do so. Therefore the problem is New England wide.

W. P. Davis, manager of the New England Milk Producers' Association, said that the low price had been brought about by the efforts of a large dealer to eliminate the difference in price between chain store milk and family delivered milk. He said this was altogether a resale problem and could not be handled by producer organizations. He recommended that

the Governors of five New England States, excluding Connecticut, should select a committee to study the relation of chain store prices to family delivered prices, and make recommendations.

### Loss to Producers

Commissioner of Agriculture Edward H. Jones of Vermont estimated that the loss to the New England milk producers under present conditions is \$800,000 every month.

Glenn C. Seavey, editor of the New England Homestead of Springfield, after telling of the value of the milk business of New England, terming it a \$100,000,000 industry, said that there is danger of cows being slaughtered if present prices continue. He made three relief suggestions, which were later presented as resolutions and adopted, that the price of milk be raised to 7 cents per quart, that all organizations, distributors, buyers and Boards of Trade support this price, and that a milk tribunal be appointed to hear evidence and adjudicate all matters.

### Promises Co-operation

Mayor Curley read a statement promising the co-operation of the health department to protect the milk supply of this city from floods of low grade low cost milk.

"In order to protect the health of the children of Boston, the Boston Health Department will allow entry only to first quality milk," said the Mayor. "The producer of such milk must receive a fair price if he is to continue to produce the best milk."

"The present price received by a producer for his milk is below the cost of production. Such a price tends to depreciate the quality of the milk as well as to carry want and suffering directly into the home of the producer. Under such circumstances the producer, in order to live, will tend to sell cows and the foundation for a future milk shortage will thereby be laid."

"But the disastrous effect of such a low price does not stop with the producer. His buying power is lessened, and he buys for himself and his family less of those things which Massachusetts industrial centres manufacture and so the depression in Massachusetts industrial centres is thereby increased."

### Milk Consumption Higher

"My action in ordering the health commissioner to place all dealers licensed to sell milk in Boston on notice as to what would happen to them if they brought milk produced outside of the New England milk shed,

has taken care of the situation. There is nothing in uninspected milk. There remains the unprincipled cut-price activities of independent creameries, and if this can be eliminated New England producers of milk can face the future with the assurance of a fair price in a stabilized market."

Charles F. Adams, treasurer of the First National Stores, said that not only milk but other commodities which he named are being sold at very low prices. He said that the trouble is too much milk. Asked if sales in First National Stores had increased with the lower price, Adams stated that the gain amounted to 40 per cent in less than a week. He argued one type of consumer should pay no part of the bills of the other and that the chain stores washed their hands of trying to disturb industry in New England.

GLOBE 12/17/31

## MAYOR CURLEY TALKS IN AUTO CASE OF SON

### Court Delays Decision on Warrant Until Friday

Mayor Curley, who was present in the Roxbury Court yesterday morning at a hearing at which the application for a warrant for his son, Leo F., in connection with the death of Mrs. Sara Bean, in an automobile accident at Huntington av and Forsyth st, Dec 5, was considered, took occasion to voice stinging criticism of the limited standing space allowed passengers boarding and alighting from electric cars along the avenue.

Mayor Curley spoke after all the evidence had been presented. He had been asked if he had anything to say by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, who represented the Mayor's son. Mayor Curley pointed out that there is barely room for passengers to stand on the trolley car reservation and how easily a person may be jostled from the very limited standing space into the path of passing automobiles. He said there had been at least six accidents in the past year because of that situation. He said the only solution is the extension of the subway from Arlington st, under Huntington av, to Brigham Circle, Roxbury.

The hearing yesterday was on the application for a warrant for manslaughter. Mrs. Bean, who lived at 130 Byer st, Springfield, and was a nationally known home economic expert, died in the City Hospital, Dec 10, of injuries received when struck by Leo Curley's automobile after she had stepped from the electric car reservation into the street.

Judge Frankland W. L. Miles heard the case and, following the testimony, continued the hearing until Friday, stating that he wished to view the scene of the accident and determine the degree of visibility at 1:45 in the morning, the hour at which the accident occurred. Judge Miles said he would inspect the lighting at the scene.

Mayor Curley took issue with Judge Miles in that visibility was not of prime importance in this particular case. The only question was whether or not the accident was avoidable, he said.



AMERICAN

12/18/31

# JUDGE CLEARS CURLEY BOY IN AUTO DEATH

Court Refuses to Issue a Complaint in a Fatal Mishap on Huntington Ave.

Judge Miles in Roxbury court today refused to issue a complaint charging Leo Curley, 16, son of the mayor, with manslaughter and driving to endanger, in connection with the fatal injuring of Mrs. Sarah Bean of Springfield by young Curley's automobile at Huntington ave. and Forsyth st.

Judge Miles reviewed the testimony, mentioned the statement of Mrs. Bean's brother that she did not want anyone prosecuted, and then said:

"My practice when any question of visibility is raised is to view the scene of the accident. I visited the scene of this accident at 1:45 a. m., the time it occurred, and found that the only illumination was from the lights in the middle of the reservation on Huntington ave.

## VISIBILITY IS POOR

"I circled this scene a number of times and finally had a man in dark clothing, such as worn by Mrs. Bean, cross the further side of Huntington ave. and the reservation, covering the supposed tracks of the deceased woman.

"As I approached there was considerable difficulty in seeing him. I found that the visibility and illumination were poor. I have felt and still feel that if the lighting was good that there would be a duty on the part of the autoist to have seen this woman, as she walked across the street and across the reservation, and thus perhaps the autoist could have swung to the right and avoided the accident.

"If the visibility was poor, however, I have felt that no such reasoning should be had. I am always mindful of the duty that the autoist owes the pedestrian, but also mindful of the duty the pedestrian owes the autoist.

## SEEKS FAIR RULINGS

"I have not considered the station in life of this defendant, for I have felt that he deserves no particular consideration because of this fact, nor should he be penalized therefor.

"This is a civil and not a criminal matter. The burden of proof is on the government to show

# Theatre Workers Do Bit



Victor J. Morris, manager of Loew's Orpheum Theatre, presenting Mayor Curley with check for \$947.29, totalling one day's pay from each employee of the Loew's Boston theatres and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Film Exchange to the Boston unemployed fund. Left to right: Joseph A. DiPesa press representative for the Loew theatres; Morris, Mayor Curley, Henry Wolper, representing the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer organization, and Joseph H. Brennan, manager of Loew's State Theatre.

TRANSCRIPT 12/18/31

## Judge in Early-Morning Visit to Scene of Fatality

Judge Frankland W. L. Miles of the Roxbury Court, this morning, at 1:40 o'clock, made an inspection of sidewalks and street car reservations at Huntington avenue and Forsyth street where, several nights ago, an automobile driven by Leo Curley, sixteen-year-old son of Mayor Curley, struck and fatally injured Mrs. Sarah Bean of Springfield. Judge Miles went to the scene to study lighting conditions and other things pertaining to the case, before he decides whether he will issue a warrant charging manslaughter.

GOOSE 12/18/31

## CURLEY GIVES CANE TO U. S. CUSTOMS INSPECTOR

Timothy A. McCarthy, United States customs inspector at the Atlantic-appraisers' stores, who values all the antiques entering the port of Boston for Uncle Sam, was presented with a blackthorn stick by Mayor Curley yesterday at City Hall.

The stick was carried for 25 years, the Mayor explained, by Roger Sullivan, prominent Democratic leader of Chicago, who sent it to Boston when he learned that the Mayor's supply of Irish canes had given out.

RECORD 12/18/31

# \$3,000,000 Jobless Fund Goal of Curley

By BEN GERSHON

Declaring that Boston's needy and jobless shall not starve this winter, Mayor Curley issued an appeal for public donations at the opening of the \$3,000,000 drive for the city's emergency unemployment fund yesterday.

The campaign was launched at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon. It was attended by leaders in the city's business, industry, finance, professional and economic ranks.

It was called the greatest peacetime emergency Boston and the nation has known since the World War.

Picture of untold suffering among the poor, poverty and destitution, were painted by Mayor Curley and other speakers.

The \$3,000,000 will be raised by popular subscription through donations and canvass of the city by 50 divisional business teams, representing the major industries, under direction of the emergency fund committee.

It will be spent by the overseers of the public welfare for unemployment relief. The money will not go into the general funds.

The Chief Executive revealed that he is exerting his utmost to keep expenses of the city down. He will require all municipal employees

to pay for their own telephone bills, and he intends to install a drive-yourself system to eliminate the cost to the city for autos, he said.

"I can't see anything more vicious or abhorrent than increasing taxes. And we can't sit idly by and see 40,000 people in need without raising a fun to provide for them," he declared.

The mayor said that the increase in the number of impoverished cases was alarming, and that for the next four months the cost of public relief in Boston will mount to more than a million dollars a month.

The emergency committee will act in co-operation with President Hoover's national and Gov. Ely's state committees.

The mayor announced that the retail trade board of the Chamber of Commerce, composed of leading department stores and individuals, had subscribed \$37,450 to the drive, and that actual subscriptions to date were about \$135,000. These included Sears Roebuck Co., \$20,000, and sums from school board employees, the fire and police forces, the public welfare branch, the American and National League baseball clubs and the Boston Garden.

Seated at the head table with Mayor Curley were Simon E. Hecht, Roy H. Cushman, Dana D. Barnum, Rev. Harry Levi, William H. Taylor, Clarence G. McDavitt, Frederic S. Snyder and Rev. Thomas R. Reynolds, the latter representing Cardinal O'Connell.

They and other members of the emergency committee pledged their unqualified aid in the drive.

It was announced that employees of the Boston Ice Co. had donated \$2000, with the promise of 1 per cent of their earnings for the next 20 weeks. School board employees will continue to donate from their salaries for the next six months.

## TRAVELER 12/18/31 CURLEY'S SON EXONERATED IN MOTOR DEATH

### Court Finds Visibility Was Poor, No Negligence

Judge Frankland W. L. Miles today exonerated Leo Curley, son of Mayor James M. Curley, of blame in the death of Sarah Beane of Springfield, an expert in home economics.

#### MAYOR IN COURTROOM

Mayor Curley, Leo Curley and others were in the Roxbury municipal courtroom as the judge read his lengthy decision. Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, representing Leo Curley, said at the end of the judge's decision that the judge deserved the thanks of the citizenry for his careful investigation of the case.

The judge's decision explained that he personally visited the scene at 1:45 in the morning and was convinced that poor visibility was the cause of the fatal accident. His decision delivered today follows:

"At 1:45 in the morning of Dec. 5, 1931, at the corner of Huntington avenue and Forsyth street, a car operated by Leo Curley struck Sarah Beane of Springfield. She died at the City Hospital on Dec. 10, 1931. On Dec. 11, 1931, as the result of her death, police sought criminal complaints against the driver in the municipal court of the Roxbury district, for operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger the lives and safety of the public, and manslaughter.

#### REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT

"At the hearing the defendant was represented by Samuel Silverman, corporation counsel of the city of Boston and witnesses were present. When informed that Officer Walter Lindhal, patrolman on the route, was on a day-off, I suggested that the hearing

Officer John J. McGuire of the Back Bay police station.

On Dec. 5, at Huntington avenue and Forsyth street, Leo Curley's car struck and fatally injured Mrs. Sarah Beane of Springfield, an expert in home economics. The accident occurred early in the morning.

Mayor Curley was in court today when Judge Miles issued his finding. Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, who had represented Leo Curley in the case, thanked the Court for the painstaking manner in which he had gone into details of the accident, these including an inspection of the scene at the same time of day at which the woman was struck.

Judge Miles issued a lengthy statement reviewing the case, which said in part:

"It has been my practice when any question of visibility was raised, to view the scene of the accident if it was contended that the visibility was poor, due to lack of illumination or obscurity. I visited the premises in person Thursday morning at 1:45—the same hour of the accident.

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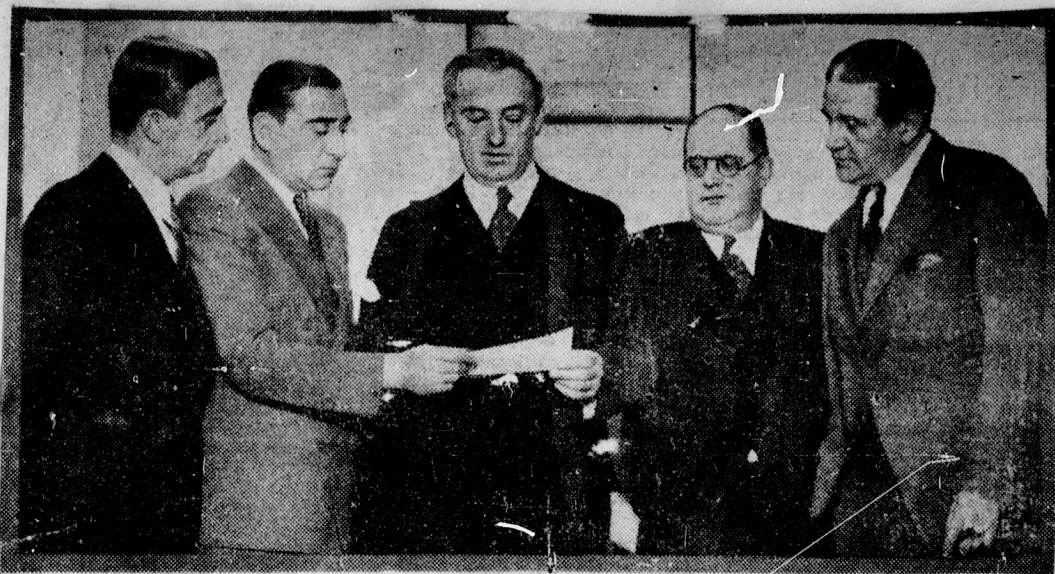
John J. Shaughnessy, member of Mayor Curley's secretarial staff, who was taken to City Hospital last night from his home, 8 Glenwood street, Roxbury, with bronchial pneumonia, was reported much more comfortable today. His name was placed on the danger list. He was discharged from the hospital six weeks ago following several weeks' treatment for bronchial trouble.

## CURLEY HONORS CUSTOMS VETERAN

Timothy A. McCarthy, a veteran of the Boston customs service, received a somewhat famous Irish black thorn stick from Mayor Curley yesterday. It was the stick which the late Roger Sullivan, Democratic leader of Chicago, carried for nearly 20 years and was one of three that were recently sent to Mayor Curley by the Sullivan family.

In presenting the gift yesterday the mayor said: "This particular black thorn stick led the untimely democracy of Chicago before the coming of machine guns."





**\$3,000,000 Jobless Drive!** Mayor Curley is shown being presented check, representing one day's salary of each employee of the Loew's Boston Theaters, and M. G. M. Film Exchange, by officials of the organizations for Mayor's \$3,000,000 emergency drive for unemployment fund. L. to r., Joe Di Pesa, Victor J. Morris, Mayor Curley, Henry Welber and Joseph H. Brennan.

HERALD

12/18/31

### GO TO IT, MR. MAYOR!

"Mayor Curley declared his determination to inaugurate the most rigid economy in municipal expenditures next year," said a Herald news story yesterday morning. The corresponding sentence in the Post's report of the meeting at which the \$3,000,000 emergency fund was discussed reads: "Rigid economy in municipal expenditures will be enforced at City Hall." The same columns had a statement from Gov. Roosevelt of New York that he had slashed another million dollars from the state budget estimates for next year—and this in one department. Simultaneously came the news that the Democrats of Congress are discussing the advisability of reducing the pay of everybody in the federal service whose salary is more than \$1800 a year, with the exception of the President himself and the members of the judiciary.

Evidence accumulates at home and elsewhere that at last the various units of government are coming to realize that they must not only have more revenue but must reduce their running expenses. The process of deflation of governmental administration has been deferred month after month, in the hope that the depression would end. With signs lacking that conditions will be measurably better in 1932 than they are now, mayors and legislators are at last becoming convinced that they must do their part.

The Mayors' Club of Massachusetts is to have another meeting soon, to which it has invited Gov. Ely. If both he and Mayor Curley should announce well-considered, comprehensive, equitable plans for reducing outlay 10 of 20 per cent., what a cheer would go up from the public!

TRANSCRIPT

12/18/31

### Garbage Contract Protests Heard

Whether a ten-year contract for the disposal of garbage shall be awarded to the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, the lowest bidder, for \$3,780,000, as Mayor Curley desires, was the question before the City Council in public hearing yesterday afternoon.

Protest that city officials had failed to make a study of garbage and refuse disposal prices before recommending the new award, was recorded by the Guy C. Emerson, consulting engineer of the Finance Commission, in a report available for the council. After a three-hour session another hearing was voted for Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

The Finance Commission's engineering expert pointed out that while the lowest bidder has offered to perform the work for \$15,000 less than was charged during the past ten years, it is estimated that there will be 30,000 tons a year less to dispose of, because of the elimination of parts of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain from the collection area. The proposal to turn these districts over to individual contractors on a yearly basis, instead of leaving them in the ten-year contract, was characterized by Engineer Emerson as a "mistake," which would cause dissatisfaction among the residents of the districts.

In the Finance Commission report, the engineer expressed his opinion that the price offered by the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company was "not excessive." But he contended that Boston should follow the example of a number of other cities by making the contract on a sliding scale so that the city could share the profits of the disposal company when prices of soap grease and fertilizer jumped.

Incineration was recommended by Mrs. Robert L. DeNormandie, president of the Boston League of Women Voters, and Mrs. Henry D. Tudor of the Women's Municipal League, who addressed the hearing.

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# CURLEY MOVES TO RECAPTURE PORT PRESTIGE

Project Calls for Removal  
Of El Overhead on At-  
lantic Avenue

## HEAVIER STRUCTURE TO BE ERECTED

Will Handle Freight of  
Every Description and  
Connect with Piers

Plans for the construction of an inner belt line along Atlantic avenue connecting the North and South terminals will shortly be submitted to Gov. Ely by Mayor Curley as part of the latter's plan to restore the prestige of the port of Boston and to capture its share of the Atlantic seaboard traffic.

Cost of the project has been estimated between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

Sponsored by Frederic H. Fay of the engineering firm of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, the plan was discussed yesterday at City Hall by Mayor Curley and members of the port authority.

### TO REMOVE EL STRUCTURE

The plan calls for the removal of the present Elevated structure on Atlantic avenue and the erection in its place of a heavier structure which would be capable of handling freight of any description coming into the terminal yards of the North and South Stations, and which would connect with piers not only along the Atlantic avenue waterfront but Commonwealth pier and the army base as well.

Most important in the plan is the opportunity it offers to establish a flat Boston rate to western shippers who are now forced to pay certain undeterminable shipping charges depending on the location of vessels at various piers.

The new structure which it is proposed to build would do away with the Union Freight railroad which now has tracks along Atlantic avenue. It would also make it possible to shift freight rapidly and easily from whatever railroad it might come in on direct to the piers.

### DRIVE FOR SHIPS

The mayor is believed to be making another drive to capture for Boston the largest and fastest of the freight and

passenger carriers in the Atlantic service.

While this phase of the project was not discussed yesterday it is believed that the mayor later will advocate the renovation of piers along Atlantic avenue so that they would be capable of handling the largest vessel afloat.

The proposal of Mayor Curley that the idea be sponsored and engineered by the port authority drew a flat refusal from that body which declared that it wished to maintain its present neutral position whereby it could advise and suggest.

It was pointed out that in other cities where the port authority had been loaded with the duties of actual management and operation it has become involved in endless squabbles between conflicting interests and its power destroyed for ever.

Representatives of the port authority pointed out to the mayor that should it maintain its present position it would be able to offer valuable advice and suggestions.

By creating the inner belt line the mayor believes that he is removing one of the handicaps of the port. He thinks that the establishment of a flat Boston rate will offer an additional inducement to western shippers to route their goods out of this harbor. At the present time a shipper has no way of knowing in advance what his charges will be and they must depend entirely on the location of a vessel at a Boston pier.

## Curley Asks for \$3,000,000 Fund

Calling the Boston Emergency Committee on Unemployment together for a conference at the Boston Chamber of Commerce Building yesterday, Mayor Curley announced his desire to see \$3,000,000 raised by public subscription.

"A list of subscriptions from the stores affiliated with the Boston Retail Trade Board totalling \$39,450 was hailed as the beginning of the movement which Frederic S. Snyder, president of the Chamber, characterized as an absolute necessity.

The meeting was opened by Chairman William H. Taylor of the committee, who outlined the need of a large sum. The mayor spoke in praise of individuals and organizations already contributing and expressed regret that it had now become urgently necessary to take further action. He presented an account of the money already spent and told how much is available.

## TRAVELER 12/18/31 CURLEY MOVES FOR BELT LINE

### Would Draw Largest Ocean Carriers to Port by Project

Another move by Mayor Curley to bring to Boston the largest and fastest of the freight and passenger carriers in the Atlantic service is seen in his project for a belt line connecting the North and South terminals and connecting as well piers the entire length of the water-front.

It is an \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000 project and will include the renovation of piers all along Atlantic avenue, so that they can handle the largest vessels afloat. The belt line would take in Commonwealth pier and the army base.

The mayor's project will be submitted to the Governor for consideration. It was discussed informally yesterday at a conference with the authorities of the port of Boston. Frederic H. Fay, of the engineering firm of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, is sponsor for the project and participated in conference.

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## Mayor Launches \$3,000,000 Emergency Drive



Dr. Harry Levy, Mayor Curley and William H. Taylor, l. to r., are shown at Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday as His Honor opened \$3,000,000 drive for the city's unemployed fund. Leaders in the city's business, industry, finance, professional and economic ranks attended the affair.

## Curley Pleads for Son in Auto Death

Dropping municipal duties, Mayor Curley pleaded for his son, Leo, 16, when the question of whether a manslaughter warrant in connection with an auto death should be issued, came up yesterday in Roxbury court.

Judge Frankland Miles announced that before he decided whether to issue the warrant he will visit the scene of the accident at Huntington ave. and Forsythe st., at 1:45 a. m., today.

His decision came at the end of the hearing in the warrant session of the court. He postponed the case to Friday.

The justice said he desired to view the scene at the hour the fatality took place, to study the visibility, light and other conditions.

In defense of his own son, Mayor Curley declared there were three streets in Boston where railway reservations constituted a menace to public safety.

These were Huntington ave., Commonwealth ave., and Bennington st., East Boston. He declared half a dozen deaths by autos occurred in Commonwealth ave. recently, and that conditions on that thoroughfare made it easy for them to happen.

The mayor said he intends to have the subway continued from Arlington st. out Huntington ave.,

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## CONTINUES HEARING ON ASHES, GARBAGE

### City Council Head Hears Objections to Contract

The continued hearing to permit any objectors to the 10-year ash and garbage contract removal an opportunity to be heard, was held yesterday in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Pres Joseph McGrath presided.

Certain residents of Milton and Hyde Park appeared and were heard, having been informed that the placing of an incinerator in Hyde Park was included in the ash and garbage contract. Pres McGrath explained that incinerators in any part of the city had no place in the hearing, which referred entirely to the lowest bid, that of the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, for the contract for disposal of ashes on a dump in East Boston and garbage at Spectacle Island, the plant used by Coleman Company which has had the contract the past 10 years.

The contract to the Brooklyn company calling for \$3,780,000 has been approved by Mayor Curley but must get one reading before the City Council. It is possible that it will come up for vote next Monday.

Many Councilors participated in the hearing, in fact causing Pres McGrath to remark that the meeting was for citizens to be heard, rather than Councilors. Councilor Cox of West Roxbury asked but one question. In answer he was told that the Brooklyn contract had no bearing whatever on his district.

Lincoln Bryant, town counsel of Milton, Patrick A. Dolan of Brush Hill road, Joseph C. Andrews, Atty Warren B. Manhard and Thomas F. McMahon, president of the Hyde Park Board of Trade, were among those who went on record against any kind of an incinerator in Hyde Park or near the Milton line.

Fred D. Trask of Winthrop, Mrs Amelia Massa and Miss Nonie C. Ahern of East Boston and Alexander Sullivan objected to any proposal for further dumping in Belle Isle or any other part of East Boston.

Acting Public Works Commissioner Christopher Carven, Engineer John M. Shea and Leo Bayles Reilly of the Public Works Department answered questions concerning the contract and dumps, and gave their opinion of incineration. Mr Reilly declared that incineration would cost more per ton than the present reduction method, in reply to questions by Councilors Norton and Wilson.

J. H. Loughman, representing the owners of the Harbor Building on Atlantic av. entered objection to the continued use of the garbage loading wharf on Atlantic av.

## SALADA TEA CO GIVES CITY \$2600 FOR JOBLESS FUND

The Salada Tea Company, in a letter yesterday to Mayor Curley, commented on the plan to raise \$3,000,000 for the unemployed of Boston and gave the plan the hearty indorsement of employees and the company as well as inclosing a check for \$2600 from the Salada Tea Company and its employees.

CHOICE

12/29/31

# HAPPINESS OR BITTER GRIEF?

Childhood's Whole Faith in Santa  
and Joyful Christmas Rests With  
You, So Give Today



MAYOR CURLEY, SON AND DAUGHTER AID POST SANTA

Photo shows the Mayor, centre, his son George on the left and his daughter Mary on right, as they dropped into the Boston Post Santa Claus Workshop at 100 Federal street, yesterday, to give their annual contribution to make poor children happy.

Give today.

A week from today will be too late.

A week from today—the morning after Christmas—is the day when children leave their homes to show the other children of the neighborhood their presents.

Will the Boston Post Santa children proudly display beautiful dolls, fire engines, shining automobiles and colorful games?

Or will they—when their playmates ask what Santa Claus gave them—run sobbing and heart-broken—back to the ramshackle, cold and desolate dwelling to cry for comfort

in the arms of their distracted mothers?

Give today as other great-hearts did yesterday. They were led in making their contributions by a man who bears the burden of providing for the unemployed of Boston, Mayor James M. Curley. With all the cares of office, far greater this year than ever before, he still thinks of the Post Santa children.

It is no wonder. He is a lover of the little ones and is their favorite. And that is why year after year, he has paid a visit to the Post Santa and made a grand gift. He came to the Workshop, 100 Federal street, yesterday afternoon accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary Curley, and his son, George.

They arrived at the peak of the afternoon when the labeling tables were filled with people and a bundling

contest was in progress. The Workshop was a hive of activity. They stayed as long as they could watching the operations of the various Post Santa departments and on leaving the Mayor presented a gift of \$100.

Urges All to Donate

In making his contribution, Mayor Curley said:

"I visited the Boston Post Santa Claus Workshop at 100 Federal street, today, and I wish it were possible for everyone else to do the same. More than 100 volunteer workers, women and men, were busily engaged in tying up packages of cheer for those worthy and deserving children.

"Christmas of 1931 gives promise of being one of the most drab since the war year of 1917, and yet if each one could make a small contribution to this work of charity, thousands of hearts would be gladdened and there would be a lot more happiness for fathers and mothers who, through unfortunate circumstances, have not the money with which to purchase toys for their children.

"I am not overburdened and, although a constant target for those in need, I am making my customary contribution of \$100, with sincere wishes of success to the Post Santa and a happy Christmas for all those little ones who thereby will receive their gifts."



# Hospitals and Health Units Periled When Most Needed

Suffering Serious Losses in Revenue and Contributions, Says Secretary Cushman of  
Council for Social Agencies

By ROY M. CUSHMAN

Executive secretary, Boston Council of Social Agencies

Quite naturally the average man thinks of the needs of families suffering from the effects of the business depression in terms only of food, clothing and shelter. These are, of course, the fundamental needs. They must be provided at all hazards. In America people shall not starve.

In Boston this outright relief is provided in the major part by the department of the overseers of the public welfare, whose work is now receiving special notice because of the effort which Mayor Curley and his committee are making to discover added resources for the financing of the department through the medium of voluntary contributions. Though overshadowed in terms of amounts expended, the various private relief and family service societies in Boston are rendering extremely valuable supplementary services. Their expenditures for relief have increased steadily during the past two years.

No community program for meeting human needs in a time like this is complete unless it recognizes behind the fundamental requirements for sustaining life those other needs which make up the structure of community life. The services which hospitals and health organizations render are almost as obviously necessary as those of the agencies dispensing material relief. Yet in Boston these valuable services are suffering much serious losses in revenue and contributions that their services are in danger of curtailment at the very time when they are most needed.

Not so clear is the relationship to the need of the people in a crisis like the present of the services rendered by the various community organizations which

Boston throughout the years has built up in generous measure, for the advantage of her citizens. Yet we need only to go back to our experience during the war to learn how especially necessary it is in abnormal times to provide in as great measure as possible opportunities for normal constructive activity. The case is stated most convincingly by Dr. George E. Vincent, president emeritus of the Rockefeller Foundation, in the following words:

"At a time when special appeals are being made for emergency relief, it is vitally important not to withdraw support from the fundamental and permanent social services. To fail them now would be to lower American standards, to sacrifice the future to the present, to undermine hope and courage just when they need to be re-enforced. Emergency relief must be a temporary addition to the community's budget, public and private, not a substitution for established obligations.

"This depression has put America's advanced social standards to a severe test. We have boasted that this is the best and happiest country in the world in which to live. If this boast is to be made good, if we are to come through this depression in a creditable manner, we must maintain all of the advantages which we have taught our people to expect. America will be in no position to claim victory at the end of this depression merely because nobody has died of cold or starvation. America can claim complete victory over the social consequences of the depression only if she insures the maintenance of the social standards toward which she has dedicated so much of her wealth and so much of her best thinking."

## COURT EXONERATES MAYOR'S SON, LEO

Ascribes Motor Fatality to  
Poor Visibility

Leo Curley, son of Mayor Curley, was exonerated of blame in the death of Sarah Beane of Springfield, home economics expert, by a decision of Judge Frankland W. L. Miles in Roxbury municipal court yesterday. Mayor Curley was present during the reading of the long decision.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, representing Leo Curley, said that Judge Miles deserved the thanks of the citizenry for his careful investigation of the case.

The judge explained in his decision that he personally visited the scene of the accident at 1:45 A. M. and was convinced that poor visibility was the cause of Curley's car striking Miss Beane.

Curley's machine struck the woman Dec. 5 last at Huntington avenue and Forsyth street and she died five days later at City Hospital. Police sought criminal complaints against the driver, charging him with driving so as to endanger the lives and safety of the public.

The registry of motor vehicles will give Curley a hearing as soon as the investigation by inspectors is completed. The hearing is mandatory in the case of a fatality and is to determine if the driver is guilty of "serious" fault. If found guilty Curley's license will be revoked for six months and if not the license will be returned to him. His license is now suspended.

## TRANSCRIPT 12/19/31 New Playgrounds in \$215,000 Order

Two new playgrounds would be provided for the school children of Boston by an order sent to the City Council this afternoon by Mayor Curley, totaling \$215,000. One of the items calls for \$50,000 to provide the land and the necessary improvements for the lot on Washington street, Germantown, decided upon months ago, and the other item calls for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the lot available under the jurisdiction of the park department at Parker Hill.

Other items in the list are as follows:

Charlestown Heights—Renovation of the present building and regrading.....	\$25,000
Dunbar Avenue—Completion of the playground and erection of a field house..	40,000
Fallon Field—Completion of the playground and providing for seating accommodations and a fence.....	15,000
John J. Connolly Playground—Removing ledge and enlarging the children's area	20,000
Rogers Park—Extension of athletic field	15,000
McConnell Park—Savin Hill improvements, field house, etc.....	30,000

# Under-Cover Ely Boom for President On

Friends Predict Smith Will  
Turn to Governor After  
Roosevelt-Baker Deadlock  
Will Be Prepared

Meanwhile Plans for Strong  
Democratic State Ticket  
Are Going Forward

By Richard D. Grant

Supporters of Governor Joseph B. Ely are fostering the hope that he will be the next candidate of the Democratic party for President of the United States and there have been recent indications that they are already busy with an under-cover movement in that direction which some are sanguine enough to believe will blossom forth in full flower in the event Roosevelt, Baker and Ritchie deadlock the national convention.

Thomas D. Lavelle, who was appointed several months ago by Mr. Ely to the Special Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission and who served him as campaign manager during his successful run for the governorship a year ago, went as far as to predict this as a certainty during a visit this week at the governor's office.

"I am firmly convinced that the party will have to turn to Mr. Ely for a presidential candidate," said Mr. Lavelle. "In my opinion, the preliminary balloting will result in a hopeless deadlock principally between Governor Roosevelt and Mr. Baker. The Roosevelt candidacy was begun too soon and already shows signs of having spent itself, and I don't think Baker can get the votes.

"I don't believe 'Al' Smith will be a candidate, but I know that he will completely dominate the convention and that, when the proper time comes, he will swing his powerful support to Governor Ely, with the result that Ely will win. Smith and the governor are very close friends. I don't believe that there is a chance that anyone who runs as a delegate from Massachusetts pledged to anyone but Smith or some candidate favored by him can be elected."

Naturally the governor himself has been saying nothing at so early a time but it did not take the recent utterance by Jouett Shouse, the National Democratic Committee chairman, that the party might have to draft Ely, to start the "Ely-for-President" talk. For months, in fact beginning shortly after his induction into office as governor, members

of his personal office staff at the State House have been predicting that he would be the next man to occupy the White House.

## Talk at Governor's Office

A few weeks ago a caller at the executive offices who sought to obtain a substitute speaker for a meeting which Governor Ely had been invited to address, but which the governor was unable to attend, was told by someone understood to be a member of the secretarial staff that Senator Walsh and "a couple of the biggest congressmen in Congress" were fixing it up in the next room to have Governor Ely run for Vice President on a ticket with Governor Ritchie of Maryland.

De Witt C. De Wolf, the governor's senior secretary, was asked about the incident and dismissed it as "poppycock," adding that Mr. Ely was for Smith first, last and all the time. Then the first of this week a rumor got out that a former member of the State Senate who has been very close to Mr. Ely during his political career had been asked by a man whose name was not disclosed if he would take charge of an Ely presidential boom, which he guaranteed to finance. The former senator denied that anyone had offered to put up any money but admitted that several people had approached him with the idea. He voiced the opinion that it was too early to talk about it but after warming up to the subject expressed practically the same views as Mr. Lavelle.

## Mystery in New York Visit

A week ago, when Governor Ely went to Washington to attend the Gridiron Club dinner, persistent efforts were made by the New York newspapers to find out whether the governor was going to stop off in that city, which he did, in order to confer with Smith. So hard did they try that it gave rise to the impression that something was in the wind of a greater significance than any that might be attached to a mere personal call. This was heightened by the apparent secrecy with which the matter was handled on the Boston end, where no one seemed to know anything about it. One New York paper finally got Fred Dillon, the governor's assistant secretary, on the wire and he said that if the governor had any such intention it was news to him. Then followed Mr. Ely's returning statement that, as a result of his conference with Smith, he felt certain the 1928 nominee would again be a candidate.

Other links in the chain of circumstance which many feel is being forged so that if Mr. Ely's chance comes at the convention he will be ready to take advantage of it are the visits made by Daniel H. Coakley, one of the trusted advisers of the administration, not only to Smith in New York, but to former United States Senator James A. Reed of Missouri at a time when there was talk of Reed being a presidential candidate. Reed's personal friendship with Mr. Coakley goes back to the time he acted as defense counsel for the late Joseph A. Pelletier, when the latter's administration as district attorney was under fire by Attorney General J. Weston Allen.

But however he may feel toward the presidency, Governor Ely is not letting down in any way in planning his campaign for re-election as governor. He is said to feel so confident that he can be

returned to office that he is devoting some attention to building up a strong and balanced Democratic slate for the other State-wide offices.

There are grounds for belief that the governor would prefer Francis X. Hurley, the State auditor, as his principal running mate for lieutenant governor to Mayor Richard M. Russell of Cambridge, and both of them are undeniably pointing for the nomination. If Mayor Russell should be nominated they would have to face the old bugaboo of having two "Yankee Democrats" at the head of the ticket and this might be disastrous in Boston if Ely defeats Curley for the nomination because of the inevitable post-primary bitterness that would be left.

The governor is understood to be showing a great deal of interest also in the prospective primary contest for attorney general, for which nomination there already are three potential candidates. They are Thomas F. Moriarty of Springfield, district attorney of the Hampshire and Hampden district; Joseph Hurley of Fall River, a former member of the House, and former Senator Joseph J. Mulhern of Boston. There is a report that Mr. Ely looks with a friendly eye on the Mulhern candidacy, notwithstanding the fact that he is at the same time trying to win the support of District Attorney William J. Foley, Mulhern's late opponent in a campaign that was notable for its bitterness and intensity.

The trouble with having the Fall River Hurley on the slate is that there already are two major candidates by the same name in the persons of Auditor Hurley and the State treasurer, Charles F. Hurley. It might be a case of "too many Hurleys," as it now seems fairly definite that Treasurer Hurley will stand for re-election. It is said that, in an effort to remove the former Fall River legislator from the scene, an effort was made to have Governor Ely appoint him registrar of motor vehicles. Mr. Hurley of Fall River is a young man, but when he served in the House was considered one of its outstanding orators.

## MAYOR CURLEY AND RYAN TO ADDRESS TRUCKMEN

Mayor James M. Curley and Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan have accepted invitations to speak before the mass meeting and dinner of Massachusetts truckmen which is to be held next Monday evening at the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Other speakers will be John R. Bingham, president of a Pennsylvania association of truckmen, and W. W. McBride, general manager of the New York Truckers. Bill Cunningham, sports writer, will also speak.

The meeting, which has been arranged by the Master Truckmen's Association, Inc., has been planned to bring together all trucking interests in the Commonwealth and to discuss plans for improving their business conditions. The dinner will be served at 6:30.



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Presides at Tea

## PORT BELT LINE

All plans for the improvement of our harbor facilities must be examined not only from the viewpoint of our ideals of what the port should be, but from that of its immediate needs. Not all the things that should be done can be done at once. We must consider any project, however important, in the light of a sound program in which the various desirable improvements shall be arranged according to a wise scheme of preference as to time.

There is much to commend in the plan proposed by the mayor for the construction of an inner belt line through Atlantic avenue from the North to the South station and along the South Boston waterfront to Commonwealth pier and the army base for the unification and the improvement of the facilities of the port. He would replace the present Elevated structure with a heavier one for the handling of freight of every kind, and would do away with the old Union freight railroad. Every student of our port problems has emphasized the desirability of co-ordinating the facilities scattered along the harbor front. The Storrow report of 1923 contained the Cowie plan, so-called. It provided for a double-track rail line from East to South Boston, so that ships would berth alongside, and not enter slips. Back in 1915 the Clapp report pronounced the use of Atlantic avenue for an efficient belt line to be impracticable. The need for some such connection has been recognized by all, but there has been much difference of opinion as to how it can best be attained.

The fundamental necessity of Boston's cargo. Ships will come wherever cargo is offered. The facilities may be poor, but if there is paying business in sight the vessels will seek it. Boston needs a flow of commerce through the port. The elements in such a background are only three, a satisfactory labor situation, proper rates and adequate facilities. The labor problem is practically solved. The rate difficulty is "in the mill." For years we have been struggling with it. We have tried to obtain the removal of the differential rail rates, or such an adjustment of water rates as would compensate us for our disadvantage in rail rates. Now we have pending the important lighterage case, in which a score of other ports have intervened.

Another factor is found in the present switching charges. This situation is very confused. The ideal solution would be the establishment of a flat Boston rate, so that freight coming over any of our railroads might be shipped from the piers of any other road without any increase in the export rate. The Port Authority is working on all these phases of the situation.

When we examine the belt line proposal these facts should be kept in mind. We should ask whether it is a vital and immediate need. It does not seem so to us. Once solve the other problems, and obtain more freight, and a demand will arise for the improvement contemplated in this belt line plan. We shall have it sometime. We can get along without it now.

## REFUTE CLAIM OF FIN. COM.

### City Engineers Testify on Ash Contract

Replying to criticism from the Finance Commission, city engineers yesterday testified before the City Council that they made a survey of prices for six months before recommending the award of the proposed \$3,780,000 contract for the disposal of ashes and offal for the next 10 years to the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, the lowest bidder.

Engineer Leo Bayles Reilly said the survey revealed that the installation of incinerators would cost the city 46 cents a ton more than the present system of reducing offal into soap grease and fertilizer at the Spectacle Island plant. For this reason, he said, it was considered advisable to continue the present reduction system under another 10-year contract.

Opposition to the granting of the contract to the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company was recorded by Mrs. Amelia Massa of East Boston, who insisted that the work should be given to a Boston firm. She explained that she had not criticized Chairman Goodwin of the Finance Commission, but she accused Consulting Engineer Guy C. Emerson of the Finance Commission of referring to the people of East Boston as "the truck garden people."

Through error, it was published that on Thursday she had attacked Chairman Goodwin as the "man who was largely responsible for creating the East Boston dump, then moved to Brighton leaving the memorial behind him." This statement was made by former Representative Thomas A. Niland at Wednesday's hearing.

A large delegation of East Boston residents charged the Coleman Disposal Company with dumping mixed garbage and ashes in their home district and warned the Council not to approve the contract if it would allow the same procedure in the next 10 years.

President McGrath informed the protestants that the contract included no provisions for the installation of incinerators, explaining that the present system of loading garbage and refuse on scows at Atlantic avenue for disposal at the Spectacle Island reduction plant would be continued.

The council will probably decide at Monday's meeting whether to approve the award of the contract to the lowest bidder as recommended by the Mayor and the public works officials.

## MAYOR'S TRIBUTE TO COL WALTER SCOTT

Col Walter Scott, Scottish merchant and donor of solid gold medals presented annually to members of the Boston Fire and Police Departments for distinguished acts of valor, will be honored by men in every walk of life from all parts of the country on his 70th birthday, Dec 22, at New York city.

In connection with the ceremonies Mayor James M. Curley has contributed an appreciation of Col Scott.



MISS MARY D. CURLEY

## MARY CURLEY TO AID XMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN

### Mayor's Daughter Will Pour Tea Tomorrow and Wednesday

Miss Mary Curley will preside at a tea to be given tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Sheltered Headquarters of the Boston Tuberculosis Association on Tyler street. The affairs is to be held in the interests of the Christmas seals campaign of the association, of which Miss Curley is chairman. A musicale will precede the tea, at which a program will be presented by George Dwight and Reginald Boardman.

Miss Curley will also preside at a tea to be held in the Boston Art Club, Dartmouth and Newbury streets, Back Bay, on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

"I know of no event incident to the celebration of the Christmas season, in which the whole world rejoices, more pleasing than appropriate ceremonies in honor of the 70th birthday of Col Scott, the minuteman of human mercy.

"Everywhere in this country when ways and means are devised to make the world a little brighter and better for others the mind and heart of Col Scott are always in evidence.

"Men of every kind love and honor this brilliant Scotchman for his sterling qualities, strength of purpose and kindness of spirit.

"I deeply regret that the pressure of administrative duties is such that I cannot attend the ceremonies in honor of the 70th birthday of Col Scott, but will be grateful if you will kindly notify his legion of friends that I am be honored if they can make my behalf an appropriate contribution.



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# POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

By JOHN D. MERRILL

Reports from Washington make it plain that the Democratic Congressmen from Massachusetts are highly appreciative of the consideration they received when the House committees were made up at the opening of Congress. The Massachusetts men have reason to be pleased.

It is unusual, indeed probably unique, that in the organization of the House by the Democrats a member from Massachusetts who is now beginning his second term should be put on the Committee on Ways and Means, and another Congressman from this State, who has just started on his first full term, should find himself on the Committee on Appropriations, but Congressmen John M. McCormack of South Boston and William J. Grant of Springfield have recently received those distinctions.

In the old days, whenever the Democrats had a majority of the National House, almost all of the important committee places went to Congressmen from the South. According to tradition, committee places in Congress go by seniority, and, if that rule had been followed at this session, the members from the South would again have taken the leading posts because the Southern Congressmen habitually serve for a long time. But the Democratic majority in the House broke away from custom this year and distributed the committee places where, it was believed, they would do the most good politically. That is to say, the Democratic leaders in the country were governed by party expediency.

## 1928 Votes Recalled

They were told that the Southern States, which in 1928 cast their electoral votes for Mr. Hoover, should not have a monopoly of the important committee posts at the expense of Massachusetts, which voted for Gov. Alfred E. Smith and has elected four Democratic Congressmen. It was pointed out that considerate treatment of Massachusetts and other Northern States would deprive the Republicans of an argument which they had hoped to use on the stump next Fall and might lead to further Democratic success in this portion of the country in the election of 1932. These arguments were convincing and brought about the good fortune of the Massachusetts members of Congress.

It remains to be seen how much these committee assignments will benefit Massachusetts and New England as a whole, but at any rate the Northeastern part of the country is represented on the important House committees by competent members of the majority party.

## John F. Fitzgerald

As is generally known, Ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald of this city was in large measure responsible for the presentation of the case for the Massachusetts members of Congress. Weeks ago he sent to leading Democrats in Washington and elsewhere letters and telegrams urging the claims of New England, and he continued to dispatch these communications until the committee appointments were made. Others had a part in the movement,

but it is said that Mr. Fitzgerald had the leading part.

One result of this development is the growth of sentiment in favor of the election of Mr. Fitzgerald as the Massachusetts member of the Democratic national committee to succeed the late Edward W. Quinn of Cambridge. Mr. Fitzgerald has said more than once that he was not a candidate for the place, but his friends are urging his election. Most people have assumed that Frank J. Donahue, chairman of the Democratic State committee, would be chosen to fill the place in the national committee, and everybody believes he would make a competent member. The only argument used against him is that he should not hold both of these important party positions.

## Congressmen Back John F.

The possibility of electing Mr. Fitzgerald has been brought to the front by the news from Washington that the Democratic Congressmen from this State have said definitely they would do everything they could to have him

put on the national committee if he would accept the place.

The members of the Democratic State committee will elect the Massachusetts member of the national committee. The program is to have a meeting of the former committee at some time during the Christmas recess, when the Senators and Congressmen from Washington will be at home. The probabilities are that there will not be a contest in the State committee, but that matter will be settled in advance by agreement of the party leaders in the State. If it seems wise to elect Mr. Donahue, the State committee will probably elect him. If, on the other hand, it appears to be good politics to choose someone else, the State committee will agree.

Mr. Fitzgerald, so his friends say, will not take part in a fight or even lift a finger in his own behalf, although he has been asked to do so. But if it develops that Gov. Ely, Senators Walsh and Coolidge, and Mayor Curley take the attitude of the Democratic Congressmen, namely, that the election of the Ex-Mayor would be advantageous to the party, he may be chosen to the national committee.

# STARS ON AIR FOR CHRISTMAS RELIEF TODAY

Mayor Curley Among Notables  
in Veterans' and Basket  
Fund Broadcasts

COUNT LUCKNER ON WAAB

Jimmy Durante, Ray Knight,  
Arturo Toscanini in  
Other Programs

Two big programs for Christmas relief, bringing an array of stage and civic notables to the microphones, head today's list of broadcast offerings.

The gala cabaret show at the Coconut Grove in aid of the Boston Evening American Christmas

Basket Fund will be aired over WBZ beginning at 11:15 and continuing for about two hours.

Among the headliners to appear in the cabaret show and on the air are Lois Moran and Billy Gaxton of the "Of Thee I Sing" company, Marlon Weeks and Allan Prior of

Mabel Albertson "The Student Prince" cast, Harry Carroll's musical review from the RKO stage; Loew's Orpheum, Metropolitan and Scollay Square theater attractions, Hum and Strum, Billy Payne, Carl Moore, Mickey Alpert, Earle Nelson, Ranny Weeks and others. Newcomb Thompson and John McNamara will preside as masters of ceremonies during the broadcast.

## IN VETERANS' PROGRAM

The annual program in behalf of the Disabled Veterans' Christmas Remembrance Committee will be broadcast over WNAC for one hour, beginning at 10:30 p. m. Mayor Curley, Carl Dreyfus, Rev. Abbot Peterson, Miss Eleonora Sears, Mrs. Fiske Warren, Mrs. Robert Lincoln O'Brien and Eddie Leighton will speak.

Musical features will include Charlie Hector and orchestra, Meistersingers, Yankee Network string ensemble and singers, Edward Jordon and Helen





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## KELLEY ASKS ELY REMOVE GOODWIN

### Alleges Chairman "Covers Up" Vast Overcharges

City Councillor Francis E. Kelley has sent a letter to Gov. Ely asking that he remove Frank A. Goodwin as chairman of the Boston Finance Commission. The Councillor suggested that Joseph Joyce Donahue, appointed to the commission this year by the Governor, be made chairman.

In his letter, Councillor Kelley charges that Goodwin has not told everything but is "covering up." He offers, if given a hearing, to show "many other overcharges of hundreds of thousands of dollars made by favorite pet concerns of the administration in the purchase of goods, with Goodwin sitting idly by."

Councillor Kelley says that Goodwin's charges against State officials are "unwarranted and groundless" and are made as a "smoke screen."

### Heard Nothing as to Action

The letter is as follows:

"At the beginning of this week you no doubt noticed newspaper reports to the effect that, after two years, the Finance Commission discovered certain acts of wrongdoing by the purchasing department of the city of Boston. They found that our City Hospital and some other departments of our city were not getting the type of foods and merchandise the city was paying for, and that exorbitant prices were being paid for meat, tires and tubes, to favorite concerns of this administration.

"Since that time you have heard nothing more from the chairman of the Finance Commission, who receives \$5000 from the taxpayers of our city, as to bringing to justice those persons who had any connection with so defrauding a city.

### State Charge "Smoke Screen"

"The chairman has made a few recommendations to the Mayor to correct these wrongdoings, and the Mayor (who, incidentally, is not supposed to know what has been going on), has announced that these evils will be corrected. You see no criticism of our Mayor in this report for allowing these wrongdoings and unwarranted expenditures by the purchasing agent for our city, who is but a tool for our Mayor, who gave him his present position, and who tells him just what concerns from whom to purchase.

"How can a man like Goodwin, who was appointed years ago as Street Commissioner of our city by the present Mayor of Boston, and whose appointment to the job he now holds was obtained for him by our Mayor's intercession to your predecessor, Gov. Frank G. Allen, do anything else but cover up the evils of this administration, and keep his eyes and mouth closed?

"We now see, this same Goodwin making unwarranted and groundless charges against State officials, which is no business of his, and which every honest citizen of Boston knows is but a smoke-screen, in order that the people of Boston may take their eyes off the many irregularities by officials of our city and focus their attention on

the State purchasing department whose purchasing agent, Mr. Cronin, is above reproach.

### "Hundreds of Thousands"

"It is now time to protect the already overburdened taxpayer of Boston and remove Goodwin from this Commission, on the grounds that he is working in collusion with the Mayor of Boston, and covering up many wrong doings of the present administration.

"No doubt the only reason this report was published was through the insistence of your recent worthy

appointee to this Commission, Joseph Joyce Donahue, who, I do not hesitate to say, would make a proper chairman.

"If you grant me a hearing, I will show you many other overcharges of hundreds of thousands of dollars made by favorite pet concerns of the administration in the purchase of goods, with Goodwin sitting idly by.

"In order to stop Boston from following in the disastrous footsteps of bankrupt Chicago, I ask for the immediate removal of Frank A. Goodwin, who refuses to do his duty, and the placing as chairman of this Commission, which is of such great importance to the people of Boston, a man of the type and character of Joseph Joyce Donahue."

## HERALD 12/20/31 CURLEY GETS XMAS GIFT FROM NUNS

### First Copy of "Our Lady's Choir" Dedicated to Mayor's Late Wife

Mayor Curley yesterday received as a Christmas gift the first copy of "Our Lady's Choir," the first contemporary anthology of verse by Catholic nuns, which has been dedicated to the memory of his late wife, Mrs. Mary E. Curley.

The volume, a beautifully bound book printed on sheepskin from photostatic prints, in many cases, of long-hand writing, is signed by William Stanley Braithwaite, who edited the poems; the Rev. Hugh Francis Blunt, who wrote the foreword, and Ralph Adams Cram, noted Boston architect, who penned the introduction.

In itself, the anthology represents a new note in American literature, but it is doubly significant to the mayor because of the dedication. Beneath a colored photograph of his wife is printed "Mary Emelda Curley, beloved wife of the Honorable James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston." The dedicatory words follow:

Dedicated to the memory of  
Mary Emelda Curley, an exemplary

mother who in an exalted position by modesty, simplicity and kindness received the merited esteem and love of the entire people of her native city—Boston.

The editor acknowledges his deep obligation for assistance in preparing the book to the following: Miss Marie Blake, Mrs. C. D. Maginnis, J. Philip O'Connell, Leo Rabbette, John Phillips, the late Dr. Denis McCarthy, Mrs. E. C. Donnelly, the Rev. John Cummins, Mother Ruth Burnett, of the Sacred Heart Convent; Miss Alice Dunne, the Rev. Hugh Francis Blunt, Francis Fitzpatrick, Charles Birmingham, Msgr. P. J. Supple, Bartholomew F. Griffin, P. A. O'Keefe, William J. Dooley, Charles O'Malley, Charles H. Taylor, Gen. and Mrs. Edward L. Logan and Thomas J. A. Johnson.

## ASKS GOVERNOR TO OUST GOODWIN

### Kelly Declares Fin Com Chief Works in Collusion With Curley

Councilman Francis E. Kelly yesterday asked Gov. Ely to remove Frank A. Goodwin from his post as chairman of the Boston finance commission. He charged that the finance commission chairman is working in collusion with Mayor Curley in concealing alleged wrongdoings of the current municipal administration in Boston.

Kelly pledged the Governor that if he be given a hearing he will show instances of overcharges to the city of Boston amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars which go to favorite concerns in the purchase of commodities.

He stated that Goodwin's "unwarranted and groundless charges against state officials" are a smoke-screen sent up to distract attention from the irregularities disclosed in Boston by the recent report of the finance commission citing improper methods employed in the purchasing department.

Kelly suggested that Joseph Joyce Donahue, a member of the finance commission recently appointed by the Governor, be made chairman in place of Goodwin.

## TRANSCRIPT 12/21/31 Unpaid Taxes Now \$12,078,824

Announcement was made today by Collector William M. Morrow that the department is now preparing a list of estates upon which the 1931 taxes remain unpaid preparatory to advertising the estate for sale, in accordance with the statute.

The total tax warrant for the year was \$62,160,233, and there still remains outstanding \$12,078,824.77. Dec. 15 was the last day of grace prior to the imposition of interest at 8 per cent on all taxes in excess of \$200,000, and therefore a large proportion of the uncollected taxes is subject to the additional 2 per cent penalty, dating back to Sept. 16.

Mayor Curley has urged the collector and his department to make every effort to reduce the uncollected tax total before the first of the year, and hundreds of letters have been written to delinquents and telephone calls made.

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## MAYOR CURLEY TO VISIT LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL

The inmates at the Long Island Hospital will, on Wednesday, receive Mayor Curley on his annual Christmas visit. The Mayor in past years always visited the aged, infirm and sick at the island and made many of the men and women happy as a result of his call upon them.



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## \$6,750,000 FOR CITY'S POOR

Indications are that more than \$700,000 will be distributed to the needy of the city during December by the Public Welfare Department, Mayor Curley said today.

Total expenditures for the year will probably be in excess of \$6,750,000, he said.

## Loads of Fun

was had yesterday by Mary Curley, daughter of mayor, as she passed out the gifts to the youngsters attending the Junior Philomathia Club Christmas party at B. C. Auditorium. Here she is winning the love of little Francis Burns.

## CITY GARBAGE CONTRACT APPROVED

Norton Lone Dissenter to Award of Work to Brooklyn Firm

Almost unanimously, the Boston City Council approved Mayor Curley's recommendation to award the \$3,780,000 garbage and refuse disposal contract to the Brooklyn Ash Removal Co. of Massachusetts.

The new company will take over the work at Spectacle Island, which has been operated since 1922 by the Coleman Disposal Company, on July 1, charging \$15,000 less than has been charged for the past decade.

### FOUGHT BY NORTON

There was no debate until after the roll call, when Councillor Clement A. Norton of Hyde Park asked unanimous consent to explain his lone vote in opposition.

Norton said it was wrong to let the contract for 10 years with the possibility of wages and costs dropping. He said the population to be served had dropped 70,000 and alleged that a single group, operating under different names, had controlled the contract for 20 years.

### FAVORS INCINERATORS

Councillor Robert Gardner Wilson, Jr., of Dorchester, recommended the appointment of a committee to make plans for the installation of incinerators in districts not covered by the 10-year contract.

Under the contract the company will dispose of the offal and refuse collected by city workers in the city proper, Charlestown, Roxbury and South Boston. Yearly contracts are awarded for East Boston, Brighton, Dorchester, West Roxbury and Hyde Park.

## Mayor Curley Visits Long Island Today

Mayor Curley makes his annual Christmas visit to Long Island Hospital this afternoon to inspect the accommodations being provided by Supt. Henry A. Higgins and to chat with the aged inmates of the municipal harbor institution.